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## PROTECTIVE MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80(1)(h) of Act No 258/2000 on the protection of public health and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No 258/2000"), **hereby orders** the following Protective Measure in accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 68(1) of Act No 258/2000 to provide protection against the introduction of COVID-19, a disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### I.

With effect as of 00:00 hours on 23 August 2021,

#### I. orders

1. all persons entering the Czech Republic after 00:00 hours on 23 August 2021:
  - (a) who exhibit any symptoms of an incipient infectious disease (including, but not limited to, an increased temperature, cough, shortness of breath, digestive problems, loss of smell, general weakness, or other symptoms) to report this immediately by telephone or other means of remote access to the general practitioner or paediatric general practitioner with whom they are registered or, if they are not registered with such a provider of health services, to any general practitioner or paediatric general practitioner;
  - (b) upon crossing the state border, to submit to an examination for symptoms of infectious disease and, if symptoms of infectious disease are detected, to provide health professionals with the assistance necessary for a biological sample to be taken in order to test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;
2. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with a low or medium risk of COVID-19 under point III.1 for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:
  - (a) to submit the completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
  - (b) to be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4 that must be undertaken prior to entering the Czech Republic or no later than 5 days after arrival to the Czech Republic;
  - (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), or written proof that they are exempt under this Protective Measure;
3. that point I.2 shall not apply to persons referred to in point I.10, save as otherwise provided below, and point I.2(b) shall furthermore not apply to:
  - (a) vaccinated persons pursuant to point III.5;
  - (b) vaccinated persons who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
  - (c) persons who have already had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.9;



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4. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with a high risk of COVID-19 under point III.1 for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:
  - (a) to submit the completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
  - (b) to be in possession of a test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(b) or the same type of test pursuant to point III.4(c) prior to entering the Czech Republic; citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate in the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic may, if they travel by public transport, also be in possession of a test result for establishing the presence of SARS-CoV-2 pursuant to point III.4(a), or to be in possession of the same type of test as stipulated in point III.4(c); the obligation to be in possession of a test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus shall not apply:
    - i. to holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic confirming the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of SARS-CoV-2 outside the Czech Republic, and
    - ii. citizens of the Czech Republic and their fellow-travelling family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, if they do not travel by public transport,
    - iii. citizens of the European Union with a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, if they do not travel by public transport,
    - iv. foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, if they do not travel by public transport;
  - (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (b), or written proof that they are exempt under this Protective Measure;
  - (d) to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus no earlier than on the 5th day and no later than on the 14th day after entering the Czech Republic, unless, entirely exceptionally in individual cases, a public health protection authority decides on other quarantine measures in accordance with Act No 258/2000 and on the duration of such measures;
  - (e) to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (d) and self-isolation according to a point III.10;
5. that point I.4 shall not apply to persons referred to in point I.10, save as otherwise provided below, and point I.4(b), (d) and (e) shall furthermore not apply to:
  - (a) vaccinated persons with an issued national COVID-19 vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5;
  - (b) vaccinated persons who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
  - (c) persons who have already had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.9;
6. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with a very high risk of COVID-19 under point III.1 for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:



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- (a) to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
  - (b) to be in possession of a test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(b) or the same type of test pursuant to point III.4(c) prior to entering the Czech Republic; citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate in the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic may, if they travel by public transport, also be in possession of a test result for establishing the presence of SARS-CoV-2 pursuant to point III.4(a), or to be in possession of the same type of test as stipulated in point III.4(c); the obligation to be in possession of a test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus shall not apply:
    - i. to holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic confirming the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of SARS-CoV-2 outside the Czech Republic, and
    - ii. citizens of the Czech Republic and their fellow-travelling family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, if they do not travel by public transport,
    - iii. citizens of the European Union with a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, if they do not travel by public transport,
    - iv. foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, if they do not travel by public transport;
  - (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (b), or written proof that they are exempt under this Protective Measure;
  - (d) to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus no earlier than on the 5th day and no later than on the 14th day after entering the Czech Republic, unless, entirely exceptionally in individual cases, a public health protection authority decides on other quarantine measures in accordance with Act No 258/2000 and on the duration of such measures;
  - (e) to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (d) and self-isolation according to a point III.10;
7. that point I.6 shall not apply to persons referred to in point I.10, save as otherwise provided for below; point I.6 (b), (d) and (e) shall also not apply to
- (a) vaccinated persons with an issued national COVID-19 vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5;
  - (b) vaccinated persons who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
  - (c) persons who have already had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.9;
8. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 under a protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:
- (a) to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
  - (b) prior to entering the Czech Republic, to be in possession of:



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- i. a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(b), or the same type of test as referred to in point III.4(c) or a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(a) or to be in possession of the same type of test as stipulated in point III.4(c); in the case of Czech citizens and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic; the obligation to be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus shall not apply to holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic concerning the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic;
      - ii. confirmation that they have an appointment for an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that will be carried out within 24 hours of entry into the Czech Republic;
    - (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (b) or (i), or written proof that they are exempt under point I.9;
    - (d) to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus within 24 hours of entering the Czech Republic;
    - (e) to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus no earlier than on the 10th day and no later than on the 14th day after entering the Czech Republic, unless, entirely exceptionally in individual cases, a public health protection authority decides on other quarantine measures in accordance with Act No 258/2000 and on the duration of such measures;
    - (f) to undergo self-isolation in accordance with point III.10 pending the result of the RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (e);
    - (g) in situations described in point III.10 to wear a respirator or similar device (without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including a minimum filtration efficiency of 94% pursuant to the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2, KN95), at all times upon leaving their place of stay for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic;
  9. that point I.8 shall not apply to international transport workers, if the reason for their entry is duly documented, persons under 6 years of age and for persons specified in point I.11 with the exception of the obligations relating to the Passenger Locator Form;
    - (a) persons referred to in point I.11
    - (b) vaccinated persons with an issued national COVID-19 vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5;
    - (c) vaccinated persons who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6,
    - (d) persons who have already had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.9;
    - (e) persons referred to in point II.3 (e); these persons are not obliged by the point I.8 (b) ii, and from (d) to (g) and are obliged to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus after entering the territory of the Czech Republic before they start respective activities and before starting respective activities to be in possession of a negative test result;



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10. that obligations arising from the anti-epidemic measures introduced and relating to arrivals from countries with a low, medium, high or very high risk of COVID-19 shall not apply to:
- (a) international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (b) citizens of the European Union, including citizens of the Czech Republic and foreign nationals holding a permit for long-term or permanent residence in the European Union, transiting the Czech Republic by road or rail within 12 hours and not travelling from a country with an extreme risk of infection, or travelling by road or rail to or from the Czech Republic for a period not exceeding 12 hours or, in the case of travel to or from neighbouring countries, 24 hours, unless they travel from a country with a very high or extreme risk of infection; in the event of travel from countries with a very high risk of infection, travel to the Czech Republic pursuant to this point, except for transit, may be made only for the reasons set out in point III.10;
  - (c) accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic, including private servants, holders of service passports issued by the Czech Republic and holders of diplomatic passports travelling to or from the Czech Republic for official purposes, and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic travelling to or from the Czech Republic for official purposes, provided that their stay in or outside the country does not exceed 72 hours;
  - (d) persons under 6 years of age and minors with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive disorder or severe mental retardation, whose mental capacities or current mental state do not allow them to comply with this Protective Measure and who have been issued with a written medical certificate in English to this effect by a physician working in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union; the certificate shall contain a stamp, the physician's identifying data, and his or her telephone number;
  - (e) professional artists, professional athletes and persons representing the Czech Republic or other countries internationally, including persons necessary for a sporting or cultural event; only point I.4(d) and I.6(d) shall not apply to these persons, who are obliged, after entering the Czech Republic from a country with a high or very high risk of infection, to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and to have a negative result of that test before commencing those activities;
  - (f) cross-border workers, pupils and students who lawfully cross the state border with the Czech Republic to or from a neighbouring state for the purpose of work or education on a regular basis of at least once a week, and persons who travel to or from a neighbouring state in order to exercise the right to care for or have contact with a minor child, or in order to visit a spouse or registered partner who is employed or studies in a neighbouring state;
  - (g) members of the Prison Service or police officers carrying out escort activities or in-flight security officers;
  - (h) critical infrastructure service personnel whose activities are in the interest of the Czech Republic; only points I.4(d) and (e) and I.6(d) and (e) shall not apply to such persons;
  - (i) cross-border cooperation within the framework of emergency responses by integrated rescue system services;
  - (j) persons referred to in point I.11, with the exception of obligations relating to the Passenger Locator Form;





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- (k) persons under 12 years of age; only point I.4(b) and (d) and I.6(b) and (d) shall not apply to these persons, who are obliged, after entering the Czech Republic from a country with a high or very high risk of infection, to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus no later than 5 days after arrival to the Czech Republic and have a negative test result before finishing self-isolation;
11. citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) who have been issued with a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union who have been issued with temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, for whom a test has shown the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus fewer than 14 days before their planned entry into the Czech Republic, to transport themselves to and subsequently within the Czech Republic by private transport, if possible; if they transport themselves by public transport, they shall report the possible persistence of COVID-19 to the carrier prior to the commencement of the journey and, after entering the Czech Republic, regardless of the mode of transport, to the health professionals conducting the test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the locally competent regional hygiene department; upon entering the Czech Republic, these persons shall also observe the rules of isolation for 3 days after the symptoms of the disease have disappeared, but for at least 14 days after the initial test showing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, unless the regional hygiene department decides otherwise;
12. carriers providing the international passenger transport of persons and transporting persons to the Czech Republic, not to allow the transport of passengers who are not entitled to enter the Czech Republic under this Protective Measure or who are subject to the obligation to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form, unless they submit:
- (a) proof that they have filled in a Passenger Locator Form (notification);
- (b) a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with this Protective Measure according to the situation at hand; this shall not apply to persons who:
- (i) submit a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 in accordance with point III.9 or a diplomatic note pursuant to point III.9,
  - (ii) submit a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence SARS-CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic;
  - (iii) are vaccinated persons who have been issued a national vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5 or vaccinated persons who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
  - (iv) prove that they are persons referred to in point I.10 or I.11; international carriers are not obligated to investigate whether such certificates were issued by an accredited laboratory.
- (c) confirmation of an appointment for a RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point I.8(b)(ii) for travellers arriving from countries with an extreme risk of infection, unless they are persons pursuant to point I.9.
13. regional hygiene departments either to decide on the necessary quarantine measures for persons who notify their entry into the Czech Republic by filling in a Passenger Locator



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Form and are obliged to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the Czech Republic, and, if the test shows the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, on their isolation in accordance with Section 64(a), in conjunction with Section 2(6) and (7) of Act No 258/2000 on the protection of public health and amending certain related acts, as amended, or, in the event of a breach of the obligation to undergo an RT-PCR test in the Czech Republic, to proceed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Public Health Protection Act;

14. not to accept applications for visas and temporary and permanent residence permits at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in third countries, this shall not apply to:
- I. applications submitted at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in third countries that are listed as countries with a low risk of COVID-19;
  - II. applications of persons who have been issued a national vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5 or a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
  - III. applications for:
    - (a) short-stay visas for seasonal work or for employment if a foreign national is to be employed in food production, the health sector or social services, or short-stay visas for employment if they are submitted in Ukraine by nationals of Ukraine, provided that they do not exceed the maximum number of such applications set by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic after consultation with the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;
    - (b) short-stay visas for scientific, key and highly skilled workers, provided that the conditions set out in the Key and Scientific Worker Programme and the Highly Skilled Worker Programme are met, and for critical infrastructure service workers;
    - (c) short-stay visas for the reasons set out in points II.2(e) to (j);
    - (d) long-stay visas for seasonal work;
    - (e) special work visas;
    - (f) temporary residence permits, if submitted by foreign nationals enrolled in government schemes intended to provide the Czech Republic with economic or other significant benefits;
    - (g) permanent residence permits, if submitted by foreign nationals enrolled in a government scheme pursuant to Government Resolution No 1014 of 8 December 2014;
    - (h) blue cards, long-term residence permits for scientific research, or residence authorisations for more than 90 days for spouses or registered partners and minor children of researchers or blue card applicants;
    - (i) long-stay visas and long-term residence permits for study purposes;
    - (j) long-term or permanent residence permits for family cohabitation in the country and long-term visas for family purposes where this concerns a spouse or registered partner and minor children of a foreign national holding a permit for long-term or permanent residence in the Czech Republic;
    - (k) long-stay visas for cultural and sporting purposes;
    - (l) residence authorisations, where the entry of such foreign nationals is in the interest of the Czech Republic, provided that this interest of the Czech Republic is supported by the corresponding documentation;
- exceptions pursuant to point II. and III. shall apply only to applications for visas and residence permits submitted at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in states whose measures implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic allow for such applications to be accepted and which, except in cases concerning applications pursuant to point I.14(c), in conjunction with point II.3(i) or (j) or applications for a long-term visa



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and long-term residence permit for the purpose of studies in accordance with Section 64 of the Act No. 326/1999 Coll., On the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic and amending certain Acts, are not listed as countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic shall publish a list of such states in a manner facilitating remote access;

15. to suspend all proceedings on visa and residence applications submitted to diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in states whose measures implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic do not allow for acts to be carried out or – with the exception of applications pursuant to point I.14(l), in conjunction with point II.3(c) or (e), applications pursuant to point I.14(c), in conjunction with point II.3(i) or (j) or applications for a long-term visa and long-term residence permit for the purpose of studies in accordance with Section 64 of the Act No. 326/1999 Coll., On the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic and amending certain Acts – in countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic shall publish a list of such states in a manner facilitating remote access;
16. to affix a visa in a travel document at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in third countries only in response to applications that may be accepted pursuant to point I.14, with the exception of point I.14(i), in which case only visas are only affixed in relation to applications for residence authorisations for study purposes pursuant to Section 64 of the Act on Residence of Foreign Nationals; this shall also apply to applications received before the date on which this Measure takes effect and to visas affixed so that residence permits with related applications under this point can be collected; such visas may otherwise be affixed only in the event of the loss or destruction of a previously issued residence permit; to affix a visa in case of applications submitted before 23 August 2021, except for applications submitted in states listed as countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19, to persons who have been issued a national vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5 or a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
17. all entities that accept foreign nationals in the Czech Republic for purposes of economic activity or educational activities, where those foreign nationals entered the Czech Republic after 1 July 2020, to arrange for:
  - (a) the accommodation of such foreign nationals for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, including a place where quarantine measures are to be implemented if ordered by a public health protection authority;
  - (b) the health care of such foreign nationals or their enrolment with a health service provider for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic;
  - (c) the coverage of the cost of such foreign nationals' health care, unless otherwise arranged; this shall not apply to foreign nationals holding a long-term residence permit;
  - (d) the repatriation of such foreign nationals to their country of origin if the purpose of their stay in the Czech Republic ceases to exist, unless this repatriation is otherwise arranged; this shall not apply to foreign nationals holding a long-term residence permit;if, in accordance with the legislation of the Czech Republic, there is a change in the entity where foreign nationals are to engage in economic activity or educational activity, the above obligations shall be borne by the most recent entity;
18. for all third-country nationals to submit a document pursuant to Section 31(3)(b) of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending





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certain acts, as amended, containing the obligations of an entity referred to in point I.17, together with their application for a resident authorisation for purposes of economic activity or educational activities, to the given diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic no later than before a visa is affixed to their travel document;

19. for employers and end-users of workers who have stayed abroad for longer than 12 hours, or 24 hours in the case of neighbouring countries and who are subject to the obligation to undergo a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus after entering the Czech Republic in accordance with this Protective Measure, to prevent such persons from entering all premises and workplaces of the employer unless, in accordance with this Protective Measure, they simultaneously submit that test to the employer or to the end-user for whom they are performing work; this shall not apply to
- (a) vaccinated persons with an issued national COVID-19 vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5;
  - (b) vaccinated persons who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6;
  - (c) persons who have already had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.9;
  - (d) persons who hold a written proof that they are exempt from the obligation to undergo a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with this Protective Measure;

Person, who is subject to the obligation to undergo a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and who is entitled to undertake the test after entering the territory of the Czech Republic from a country with a low or medium risk of infection (and who makes use of this option), may be allowed to be present in the workplace of his/her employer, however, until the result of the test is known, the person is obliged to wear a respirator or a similar device (without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including a minimum filtration efficiency of 94% pursuant to the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2, KN95), which protects the person from spreading droplets in all cases, in which it is necessary to wear a respirator or similar device according to the Protective measure. the same obligation shall apply to educational institutions in relation to students and teachers; where children under 6 years of age, other than children referred to in point I.10(f), have returned from a country with a high or very high risk of infection, a nursery school or similar institution shall not allow their presence for a period of 7 days after they have entered the Czech Republic, or for a period of 10 days if they have returned from countries with an extreme risk of infection; this obligation shall not apply after the isolation has been completed further to an isolation decision or upon submission of confirmation of another quarantine measure from a public health protection authority;

20. persons according to point I.19 to inform their employer or educational institution of travel exceeding 12 hours, or 24 hours in the case of neighbouring countries, to countries with a low, medium, high, very high and extreme risk of COVID-19;

21. foreign nationals detained pursuant to Section 27 of Act No 273/2008 on the Police of the Czech Republic, or pursuant to Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, to allow a biological sample to be taken in order to determine whether COVID-19 is present and to provide health professionals with the necessary assistance in the collection of the sample at the sampling centre of a health service provider or in a detention centre;

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1. any persons with Covid-19, except those referred to in point I.11, from entering the country;
2. any citizens of third countries that are not listed as countries with a low or extreme risk of COVID-19 under a special protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic or point III.1(1)(c)(i) and third-country citizens who have temporary or permanent residence in those third countries from entering the Czech Republic; this shall not apply:
  - (a) to foreign nationals who prove that they have stayed in states listed as countries with a low risk of COVID-19 at least for 14 days immediately before entering the territory of the Czech Republic and who have not stayed in the territory of countries with other than a low risk of COVID-19 longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days;
  - (b) to holders of a valid long-stay visa or a long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit for residence in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
  - (c) to foreign nationals granted a short-stay visa by the Czech Republic after 11 May 2020, or after 1 August 2021, by a member state of European Union which acts on behalf of the Czech Republic according to a bilateral agreement;
  - (d) to foreign nationals granted long-term or permanent residence in the European Union;
  - (e) to family members, within the meaning of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, of citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union resident in the Czech Republic;
  - (f) if foreign nationals' entry into the Czech Republic is in the country's interest, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (g) to international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (h) to accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic, including private servants, holders of diplomatic passports travelling to the Czech Republic for official purposes, and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic;
  - (i) in urgent emergency situations (the need to provide planned health services, the fulfilment of a court-ordered obligation, travel on the basis of a summons from a state authority, the execution of a court decision, proceedings with authorities, an entrance exam for study pursuant to point I.14(i) in combination with point I.16, a nostrification exam, the essential care of close family members who are unable to care for themselves, the exercise of the right to care for or have contact with a minor child, or other humanitarian situations), provided that the reason for entering the country is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (j) to a foreign national in a demonstrable permanent relationship, based in particular on cohabitation, with a citizen of the Czech Republic or with a citizen of the European Union who has temporary residence of more than 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic and who has accepted the obligations referred to in point I.17 in the solemn declaration of the partnership, provided that this foreign national has been issued with confirmation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic for the purpose of being allowed to enter the Czech Republic under this point;
  - (k) to cross-border cooperation within the framework of emergency responses by integrated rescue system services; provided that the foreign national is authorized to enter into the territory of the Czech Republic;



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- (l) to persons who have been issued a national vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.5 or a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6; under the condition that they meet the requirements of this protective measure regarding the entry into the territory of the Czech Republic and are authorized to enter into the territory of the Czech Republic;
3. any foreign nationals who are nationals of countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 and have stayed in those countries for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, and for foreign nationals who have stayed in those countries for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, to enter the Czech Republic; this shall not apply:
- (a) to holders of a long-term or permanent or temporary residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
  - (b) to citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
  - (c) to foreign nationals whose entry into the country is in the foreign-policy interest of the Czech Republic or in the interest of the Czech Republic for public health reasons, provided that such interest of the Czech Republic is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (d) to accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic, including private servants, and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic;
  - (e) to foreign nationals who are professional athletes or persons representing countries internationally and to persons necessary for a sporting event, if the entry is in the interest of the Czech Republic in the field of sports, provided that such interest of the Czech Republic is supported by the corresponding document based on the agreement of the Ministry of Health;
  - (f) to international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (g) for holders of a short-term and long-term visa issued after 1 August 2021;
  - (h) to foreign nationals who prove that they have stayed in states listed as countries with a low risk of COVID-19 at least for 14 days immediately before entering the territory of the Czech Republic and who have not stayed in the territory of countries with other than a low risk of COVID-19 longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days;
  - (i) to a foreign national in a demonstrable permanent relationship, based in particular on cohabitation, with a citizen of the Czech Republic or with a citizen of the European Union who has temporary residence of more than 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic and who has accepted the obligations referred to in point I.17 in the solemn declaration of the partnership, provided that this foreign national has been issued with confirmation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic for the purpose of being allowed to enter the Czech Republic under this point;
  - (j) to family members, within the meaning of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, of citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union resident in the Czech Republic, under the condition that they meet the conditions of this protective measure regarding the entry into the territory of the Czech Republic and are authorized to enter into the territory of the Czech Republic;



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**III. provides**

1. that the list of the countries or parts of countries where there is a low, medium, high or very high risk of COVID-19 shall be defined on the basis of criteria referred to in the Council Recommendation, comprising:
  - (a) the “14-day cumulative COVID-19 case notification rate”, i.e. the total number of newly notified COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the last 14 days at region level;
  - (b) the “test positivity rate”, i.e. the percentage of positive tests among all tests for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus carried out during the past week; and
  - (c) the “testing rate”, i.e. the number of tests for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus per 100,000 population carried out during the last week; this rate must be at least 300 per 100,000 population, whereby:
    - (i) the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 shall always contain those Member States of the European Union which report a value of no more than 50 for the criterion referred to in point (a), unless they simultaneously report a value of 4% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report a value of up to a maximum of 75, while reporting a value of 1% and lower for the criterion referred to in point (b) and selected third countries referred to in Annex I to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912, as amended;
    - (ii) the list of countries with a medium risk of COVID-19 shall contain those Member States of the European Union which report a value lower than 75 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report values between 50 and 75 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 1% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report values between 75 and 150 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4% or lower for the criterion referred to in point (b);
    - (iii) the list of countries with a high risk of COVID-19 shall contain those Member States of the European Union which report values from 75 to 200 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report values from 200 to 500 for the criterion referred to in point (a)
    - (iv) the list of countries with a very high risk of COVID-19 shall contain those Member States of the European Union which report a value of 500 or higher for the criterion referred to in point (a); included among these countries shall be those third countries which are not listed as countries with a low risk of COVID-19; these countries shall also include those Member States of the European Union in which the community spread of new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus predominates;

the list of countries is published in the form of a notice on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;
2. the list of countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 is established under a special protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;
3. that fulfilment of the obligation to submit a completed electronic Passenger Locator Form means submission in such a form that facilitates unequivocal identification of the holder and inspection of the data provided; the electronic Passenger Locator Form shall be available on the website [www.prijezdovformular.cz](http://www.prijezdovformular.cz); personal data processed beyond



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the scope of Section 79(1) of Act No 258/2000 shall be the travel document number, nationality, email address and telephone number; further to the completion and submission of the Passenger Locator Form, entry into the Czech Republic shall be notified by remote access to the regional hygiene department competent according to the place of residence or the place of notified stay;

4. that a test for establishing the presence of the SARS CoV-2 virus means:
  - (a) in the case of antigen testing, written confirmation of a negative antigen test result both carried out and issued by a healthcare services provider authorised to provide healthcare services in the country in question that is no older than 48 hours since conduction of the test;
  - (b) in the case of RT-PCR testing, an accredited laboratory's written confirmation of a negative result of a RT-PCR test carried out by the laboratory and that is no older than 72 hours from the date of conduction of the RT-PCR test; or
  - (c) in the case of a test that has been performed in the territory to which the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates<sup>1</sup> applies, or in the territory of a third country for which an implementing act in accordance with the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates was adopted, only a test certificate issued in accordance with the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates<sup>2</sup>, which is no older than 48 hours from the date of conduction the antigen test or 72 hours from the date of conduction of the RT-PCR test;
  
5. that a vaccinated person means a person who presents a valid national COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued in accordance with the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates<sup>3</sup>, under the condition that at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination course and who also does not exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19;

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic

Regulation (EU) 2021/954 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) with regard to third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic

Regulation (EU) 2021/954 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) with regard to third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic.





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6. that a vaccinated person with a national full vaccination certificate means a person who presents a valid national COVID-19 vaccination certificate on completed vaccination course against COVID-19 pursuant to point III.7 or III.8, under the condition that at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination course, and who also does not exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, if the person was vaccinated by
  - a) a medical product containing the vaccine against COVID-19 approved in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004, or
  - b) a medical product, which production is in compliance with the patent of a medical product referred to in point (a), under the condition that this medical product is approved by World Health Organization for emergency use; the list of medical products as referred to in point (a) and (b) is published on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;
7. that a national full vaccination certificate means a written confirmation issued at least in the English language by an authorised entity operating in a third country, which is not a country issuing a vaccination certificate as referred to in point III.8; a template of this certificate is published in the list of recognised national certificates on the website of the Ministry of the Health of the Czech Republic; the written confirmation must contain data concerning the vaccinated person, type of vaccine administered, identification of the entity that issued the confirmation and these data must be possible to verify remotely on the basis of that specific certificate;
8. that a national full vaccination certificate means a certificate on a completed vaccination course against COVID-19 issued to a vaccinated person as referred to in point III. 6 by an authorized subject operating in a third country, for which an implementing act in accordance with the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates was adopted; the list of countries is published on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;
9. that a person who has had COVID-19 means a person who can demonstrate a certificate confirming a past infection with Covid-19 issued in accordance with the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates<sup>4</sup> or by an authorized subject operating in a third country, for which an implementing act in accordance with the European Union regulation on EU digital COVID certificates was adopted, provided that at least 11 days, but not more than 180 days, elapsed since the person was first subject to a RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus with a positive result; and holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, who may be citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members pursuant to point II.2(e)

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<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic

Regulation (EU) 2021/954 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) with regard to third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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- holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, or foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic, as issued by the Czech Republic, certifying that they have completed documented isolation as a result of COVID-19 in the country of departure prior to entering the Czech Republic; the diplomatic note shall not normally be issued earlier than 14 days after the person was first subject to a first positive result of the RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus with a positive result;
10. that “self-isolation” means keeping freedom of movement to the minimum necessary, with the exception of:
- (a) travel necessary to procure the basic necessities of life and care for children;
  - (b) travel strictly necessary to procure the care of animals, use the necessary financial and postal services, and to refuel; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;
  - (c) emergency travel to healthcare facilities;
  - (d) travel to social service facilities; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;
  - (e) travel on urgent official business; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;
  - (f) funerals; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;
11. that “third-country national” means any foreign national other than a citizen of the European Union and other than a foreign national within the meaning of Section 1(3) of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended;
12. that, in addition to the Member States of the European Union, the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Principality of Monaco, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of San Marino, the Swiss Confederation and the Vatican City State shall be treated as Member States of the European Union for the purposes of this Protective Measure;
13. that, for the purposes of this Protective Measure, the term “written confirmation” means both a paper document (the original or a non-certified copy) and an electronic document, provided that it specifies the given name, surname, and date of birth or the number of the travel document of the specific addressee; written confirmation in electronic form cannot be submitted in the form of an SMS text message;
14. that holders of a diplomatic note on the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the country of departure may be citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members pursuant to point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals referred to in point II.3(d) or I.10(h);
15. that public transport is a means of transport in which persons who are not members of the same household are transported at a given moment.



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16. that the obligations stipulated in point I.4(b) to (d) and I.6(b) and (d) shall not apply to persons stipulated in point I.10(k) and the conditions stated there when this Protective Measure enters into force.

**II.**

Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health ref. MZDR 23621/2021-1/MIN/KAN of 7 June 2021 and Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health ref. MZDR 20599/2020-104/MIN/KAN of 30 July 2021 shall be repealed with effect as of 00:00 hours on 23 August 2021.

**III.**

This Protective Measure shall enter into force on the date of issuance hereof.

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