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**Measure
of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak
Republic in the endangerment to the public health**

Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic as a respective body according to the Section 5 para. 4 letter h) of the Act No. 355/2007 Coll. on Protection, Support and Development of Public Health and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts (hereinafter referred to as the “Act No. 355/2007 Coll.”), due to the declaration of an extraordinary situation in the territory of the Slovak Republic by the Government of the Slovak Republic through Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No. 111 of 11 March 2020 and COVID-19 pandemic declared on 11 March 2020 by Director-General of the World Health Organization, pursuant to Section 12 para. 2 letters b), c) and f) and Section 48 para. 4 letter l) of the Act No. 355/2007 Coll., **orders the following**

measures:

1. All persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 1 September 2020 from 7.00 a.m., who during the previous 14 days visited a country of the European Union not listed in Annex 1 of this measure and at the same time did not visit a country that is not a member of the European Union and is not listed in Annex 1 of this measure, are ordered home isolation until the negative result of the RT-PCR test for COVID-19 disease is received or, in the event of an asymptomatic course of home isolation, until the completion of its 10th day. This person is obliged to undergo the laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 on the fifth day of home isolation at the earliest. During the period of home isolation according to the previous sentence, this isolation is also ordered to persons living in a common household with the isolated person. A child under 3 years of age is not required to undergo a laboratory diagnosis for COVID-19 unless specified otherwise by the relevant Regional Public Health Authority or healthcare provider providing health

care in the specialized field of paediatrics and with whom the child has a health care agreement concluded. The obligation of home isolation for children under 3 years of age with no acute respiratory illness developed shall end after the obligation of home isolation for persons living with them in the common household terminates.

All persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 1 September 2020 from 7.00 a.m., who during the previous 14 days visited a country that is not a member of the European Union and is not listed in Annex 1 of this measure, are ordered home isolation until the negative result of the RT-PCR test for COVID-19 disease is received. This person is obliged to undergo the laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 on the fifth day of home isolation at the earliest. During the period of home isolation according to the previous sentence, this isolation is also ordered to persons living in a common household with the isolated person. A child under 3 years of age is not required to undergo a laboratory diagnosis for COVID-19 unless specified otherwise by the relevant Regional Public Health Authority or healthcare provider providing health care in the specialized field of paediatrics and with whom the child has a health care agreement concluded. The obligation of home isolation for children under 3 years of age with no acute respiratory illness developed shall end after the obligation of home isolation for persons living with them in the common household terminates.

All persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 1 September 2020 from 7.00 a.m. through the state border between the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Ukraine are obliged to present a registration on the website <http://korona.gov.sk/ehranica> to a member of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic. Citizens of third countries (countries outside the European Union) are then obliged to be able to present the confirmation of the above registration to members of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic during their stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

2. All persons under the point 1, who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic from 01 September 2020 from 7.00 a.m., are ordered to report this fact immediately after returning to the Slovak Republic by phone or electronically to the competent Regional Public Health Authority and health care provider providing health care in the field of general practice, and with whom this person has the healthcare agreement concluded, or to the health care provider in the field of paediatrics, and with whom the child has the healthcare agreement concluded. Persons who do not have such an agreement in the territory of the Slovak Republic are obliged to notify the locally competent doctor of the self-governing region of the isolation according to point 1.

3. All health care providers providing health care in the field of general practice or paediatrics are ordered to issue a sick-leave due to COVID-19 quarantine to all persons under the point 1, entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 01 September 2020 from 7.00 a.m., including persons living in a common household with the isolated person.

4. Measures according to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to:
 - freight drivers, pilots, air crew members or other aeronautical members, crew members on cargo ships, engine drivers, wagon engineers, train crews and rail freight operators; these persons crossing the territory of the Slovak Republic also by other means of transport in order to travel to the place where they will carry out their work or when returning home, shall present a confirmation of the employer in the state language of the Slovak Republic or confirmation for workers in international transport, the sample of which is included in Annex 3 of the European Commission Communication on the implementation of the Green Lanes,
 - drivers and crews of passenger, air or bus transport who provide the transport of repatriated persons to the territory of the Slovak Republic,
 - drivers and crew of medical service transporting a patient, and drivers and crew transporting organs for transplantation, blood and blood substitutes,
 - employees of funeral services carrying out international transport of mortal remains for the purpose of burial or cremation,
 - after approval by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, persons entering or leaving the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of ensuring acute and urgent diagnosis and treatment, protocol prevention and treatment, and continued treatment of health conditions, or relatives of these persons,
 - after approval by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic or Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, the entry or transit of police officers crossing the territory of the Slovak Republic for the fulfilment of tasks arising from EU membership and members of the armed forces and NATO,
 - to carry out the transit of EU nationals and their family members through the territory of the Slovak Republic to the EU Member State. These persons must pass through the territory of the Slovak Republic without stopping, no later than 8 hours after entry, including the necessary refuelling,
 - the transit of persons permanently or temporarily residing in the EU Member State, when returning to the state of which they are citizens. These persons must

- pass through the territory of the Slovak Republic without stopping, no later than 8 hours after entry, including the necessary refuelling,
- the transit of third-country nationals to the EU Member States where they have permanent or temporary residence. These persons must pass through the territory of the Slovak Republic without stopping, no later than 8 hours after entry, including the necessary refuelling,
 - after approval by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic based on the request of court or law enforcement agencies,
 - civil servants and employees performing work in the public interest sent to perform tasks arising from the representation of the Slovak Republic in an international organization or international military agency outside the territory of the Slovak Republic, who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic during and after the end of being posted abroad, together with their family members .
 - persons enjoying diplomatic privileges and immunity in the territory of the Slovak Republic,
 - after approval by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, employees of international organizations, international financial institutions and EU institutions with a place of work in the territory of the Slovak Republic, and their family members,
 - Members of the European Parliament elected in the Slovak Republic and their family members,
 - persons posted to the embassy of the Slovak Republic, who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic during and after the end of being posted abroad, together with their family members,
 - persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic due to the implementation of a valid court decision in the matter of performing joint custody of minor child, or the right to be in contact with a minor child. A person entering the territory of the Slovak Republic for this reason is obliged to present a valid court decision or parental agreement upon entering the territory of the Slovak Republic and at the same time inform the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (the Centre for the International Legal Protection of Children and Youth) of its intention to enter the territory of the Slovak Republic for the above reason,
 - after approval by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, persons providing service and maintenance of agricultural and forestry machinery, crews of agricultural and forestry machinery and persons accompanying them.

In the event the persons referred to in this point have symptoms of respiratory disease, they

are ordered to report this fact immediately by phone to their health care provider providing health care in the field of general practice, and with whom this person has the healthcare agreement concluded. If these persons do not have a healthcare provider in the territory of the Slovak Republic, they shall notify this information without delay to the emergency number 112.

Freight drivers, air crew members or other members of the aeronautical staff, crew members on cargo ships, engine drivers, wagon engineers, train crews and rail freight operators entering or leaving the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of transporting, loading and unloading of goods are ordered to use personal protective equipment when loading and unloading the goods, to minimize the direct contact with staff abroad and to have rubber gloves in their vehicles for use as required and disinfectants for regular hand cleaning. For rail transportation workers, the employer shall draw up a certificate clearly demonstrating that the forced crossing of the national border arises from the nature of their work, by which they ensure freight transport. For these persons, during their necessary stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic, outside of the performance of their duties, home isolation is ordered, if possible away from the persons living in a common household with them. Relevant persons working in civil aviation are ordered to comply with the anti-epidemic measures specified by the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic.

Employees of funeral services carrying out international transport of mortal remains for the purpose of burial or cremation are ordered to wear respirators FFP2/FFP3 when taking over, handing over or loading the mortal remains, to minimize the direct contact with staff abroad and to have rubber gloves in their vehicles for use as required and disinfectants for regular hand cleaning.

Drivers and crew of medical service carrying out transport of patient are ordered to carry out the transport only in vehicles with separated space for the patient, to use personal protective equipment (respirators FFP2/FFP3, protective goggles, gloves) and to use disinfectants for regular hand cleaning.

5. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons not falling under the point 4, permanently or temporarily residing in the Slovak Republic and who have an employment relationship, a similar employment relationship or a place of work (e.g. for self-employed persons) in border areas in the territory of a neighbouring country within 30 km by road from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and hold a certificate of the employer of such performance of work or a certificate of such performance of work.

At the same time, the measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons

permanently or temporarily residing in border areas of a neighbouring country within 30 km from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and who have an employment relationship, a similar employment relationship or a place of work (e.g. for self-employed persons) in the territory of the Slovak Republic within 30 km by road from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and hold a certificate of the employer of such performance of work or a certificate of such performance of work. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall also not apply to persons living in a common household with this person, provided they cross the border accompanied by this person.

At the same time, the measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to citizens of the Slovak Republic permanently or temporarily residing in border areas of a neighbouring country within 30 km from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and persons living in a common household with them, provided they cross the border accompanied by them.

6. In justified cases, the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic may grant an exemption from points 1 to 3 on the basis of a justified written request of a member of the Government of the Slovak Republic under his authority. A person who is granted an exemption must have a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic. In justified cases, the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic may grant an exemption from such obligation on the basis of a justified written request of a member of the Government of the Slovak Republic under his authority.

7. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of taking entrance exams, final exams, other exams or enrolment in schools in the Slovak Republic or taking personal belongings from dormitories or other accommodation facilities, including one accompanying person, and who hold a certificate of such fact (e.g. invitation to entrance examinations, enrolment in school). These persons are obliged to submit a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours to a member of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic. Or alternatively, when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic through border crossings where no control is performed, it is necessary to immediately submit the negative result to the competent Regional Public Health Authority.

8. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons, not falling under the point 4, permanently or temporarily residing in the Slovak Republic and providing urgent care for their close relatives, who are unable to take care of themselves, in the territory of a neighbouring state, including one accompanying person. A person crossing the border of the Slovak Republic for this reason is obliged to present a certificate of urgent care issued by a doctor of the given close relative and a solemn declaration of family relationship. These documents must be translated into Slovak.

If the stay of these persons in these countries exceeds 24 hours, they are obliged to submit a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic.

At the same time, the measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons permanently or temporarily residing in one of the neighbouring states of the Slovak Republic and crossing the border of the Slovak Republic in order to provide urgent care for their close relatives, who are unable to take care of themselves, in the territory of the Slovak Republic, including one accompanying person. A person crossing the border of the Slovak Republic for this reason is obliged to be able to present a certificate of urgent care issued by a doctor of the given close relative and a solemn declaration of family relationship. These documents must be translated into Slovak. This person is obliged to present a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic.

Validity: 01 September 2020, 7.00 a.m. until further notice

The entry into force of this measure repeals the measure of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic No. OLP/5455/2020 of 03/07/2020.

R e c i t a l s

Pursuant to Section 8 of Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 42/1994 Coll. on Civil Protection of the Population, as amended, the Government of the Slovak Republic declared an extraordinary situation starting on 12 March 2020 due to endangerment to the public health of II. degree.

Director-General of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 pandemic on 11 March 2020.

This measure is one of the important tools for preventing the spread of COVID-19 diseases caused by coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in the Slovak Republic.

A person to whom the isolation obligation arises from this measure is obliged to:

- a) monitor their health condition (sudden onset of at least one of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath) and if such symptoms occur, call immediately the attending physician and the local Regional Public Health Authority and undergo biological material collection,
- b) refrain from social contacts,
- c) refrain from travelling, with the exception of immediate transfer to the place of home isolation,
- d) refrain from any activities that require you to leave the place of isolation, or receiving susceptible persons at the place of isolation.

Failure to comply with this measure constitute an offence in the public health sector pursuant to

Section 56 of Act No. 355/2007 Coll. for which the competent Regional Public Health Authority shall impose a fine pursuant to Section 56 para. 2 of Act. No. 355/2007 Coll. in the amount of up to EUR 1,659. The Police Force and Municipal Police may also impose an on-the-spot fine in the amount of up to EUR 1,000 on the offender for not respecting this measure.

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List of countries referred to in point 1 of the measure

Commonwealth of Australia

Republic of Cyprus

Czech Republic

People's Republic of China

Kingdom of Denmark

Republic of Estonia

Republic of Finland

Hellenic Republic

Republic of Ireland

Iceland

Japan

Republic of Korea

Principality of Liechtenstein

Republic of Lithuania

Republic of Latvia

Hungary

Monaco

Federal Republic of Germany

Kingdom of Norway

New Zealand

Republic of Poland

Republic of Austria

Republic of Slovenia

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Swiss Confederation

Italian Republic