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**P R O T E C T I V E M E A S U R E S**

The Ministry of Health as the competent administrative authority in accordance with Section 80, Sub-section 1, h) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Protection of Public Health and Amendment to Some Related Acts, as amended by subsequent regulations (hereinafter referred to only as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), is imposing the protective measures below, applying the procedure subject to Section 68, Sub-sections 1 and 3 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll. for the protection against the spread of the Ebola haemorrhagic fever from abroad via international airports:

I

1. Natural persons arriving to the Czech Republic through the **Václav Havel Airport Prague**, are bound to **complete the Passenger Arrival Card**, which they will receive from a member of the flight crew, and which contains personal data, i.e. the name or names, surname, year of birth, number of the identity card or passport, phone number, the flight number, date of departure, details on the stay in the territory of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia or the Republic of Sierra Leone, within the period of 42 days prior to the arrival to the Czech Republic, address of the place of stay in the Czech Republic in the period of 42 days after the arrival and the date of the planned departure from the Czech Republic within the period of 42 days after the arrival. Natural persons are to hand the completed Passenger Arrival Card to a member of the flight crew.
2. Natural persons, arriving at the **Václav Havel Airport Prague** from the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia or the Republic of Sierra Leone, or arriving from other territories, but having stayed in the territory of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia or the Republic of Sierra Leone for any length of time within the period of 42 days before landing in the territory of the Czech Republic, are in addition to obligations stated in Part I, paragraph 1 of this protective measure required to go to the demarcated space at the Václav Havel airport in Prague, which is attended by an employee of the public health authority or an authorized employee of the Public Health Institute or the National Institute of Public Health for the purpose of further examination.

3. Natural persons travelling from abroad into the territory of the Czech Republic through the **international airports in Ostrava, Brno, Karlovy Vary or Pardubice** are bound to **complete the Passenger Arrival Card**, which they will receive from a member of the flight crew, and which contains personal data, i.e. the name or names, surname, year of birth, number of identity card or passport, phone number, the flight number, date of departure, details on the stay in the territory of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia or the Republic of Sierra Leone, within the period of 42 days prior to the landing in the territory of the Czech Republic, address of the place of their stay in the Czech Republic in the period of 42 days after the arrival and the date of the planned departure from the Czech Republic within the period of 42 days after the arrival. Natural persons are to hand the completed Passenger Arrival Card to a member of the flight crew.

## II

1. Letiště Praha, a. s., with the registered office at K letišti 1019/6, Prague 6, is bound to ensure the distribution of the Passenger Arrival Cards to the individual airlines and the handover of the completed Passenger Arrival Cards, in the demarcated area of the Václav Havel Airport Prague to the attending employee of the Public Health Institute or the National Institute of Public Health. Furthermore, Letiště Praha, a. s. is obliged to provide a service area between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 for the staff of the public health authority and the authorised employee of the Public Health Institute and the National Institute of Public Health, with the possibility to isolate the persons displaying symptoms of the disease.
2. Letiště Ostrava, a. s., Mošnov No. 401, Letiště Karlovy Vary, s. r. o., K letišti 132, Karlovy Vary, Letiště Brno, a. s., Letiště Brno, Tuřany and the EAST BOHEMIAN AIRPORT a. s. company, letiště Pardubice, Pardubice, are bound to ensure the distribution of the Passenger Arrival Cards to the individual airlines and the safe storage of the completed Passenger Arrival Cards until their handover to the authorised employee of the relevant Regional Public Health Authority.

## III

This measure shall come into effect on Oct, 21, 2014 from 8 a.m.

### **Grounds:**

The Ebola haemorrhagic fever is a highly contagious infectious disease with an incubation period of 21 days. The centres of the outbreak of this serious infectious disease are located predominantly in the countries of West Africa, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia and the Republic of Sierra Leone. Pursuant to Sections 152 and 153 of the Penal Code in connection with Schedule No. 1 to Decree No. 453/2009 Coll., that sets out the definition of infectious human diseases, infectious animal diseases, infectious plant diseases and pests of crops, spreading of this infectious human disease is considered a crime. Moreover, this

infection is one of the serious diseases subject to the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals (Act No. 326/1999 Coll.) and Section 2 (a) and (d) of Decree No. 274/2004 Coll., listing the diseases that could threaten public health and listing the diseases and afflictions that could threaten public order.

According to Section 2, Sub-section 6 (a) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., a healthy person, who stayed in an Ebola affected area, is considered to be a person suspected of being infected with the disease. The means, through which this serious infection can be brought in from abroad by passengers, include particularly international airports, designed and equipped for national and international flights as well as cross-border flight operation. Therefore, the below specified obligation has been introduced for persons arriving in the territory of the Czech Republic from abroad through the international airports specified in this Protective Measure, specifically the obligation to complete Passenger Arrival Cards, with the cardinal item of information being, inter alia, the stay of the persons in the territory of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia or the Republic of Sierra Leone. Subject to the directives issued for the protection against the spread of highly contagious diseases, the Václav Havel Airport Prague is a basic transit point. Therefore, an area is being set up in this airport for the performance of a public health protection service delivered by the employees of the public health authorities and employees of the Public Health Institute and the National Institute of Public Health.

For the reasons of human health protection and the prevention of the spread of the infectious disease Ebola haemorrhagic fever, all natural persons, who arrive from abroad at any of the international airports in the Czech Republic starting from 8 a.m. on Oct. 21, 2014, will be bound to complete a Passenger Arrival Card, which they will receive from a member of the flight crew, and which contains important details, including not only the above specified items, but also the place of stay in the territory of the Czech Republic and any expected changes concerning the stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, within the period of 42 days (i.e. two fold the incubation period of the disease) from the arrival as well as the planned time of departure from the territory of the Czech Republic within this period of time. The reason for this measure is to create conditions for the early detection of all persons who may possibly have come into contact with a sick person or a person suspected of having contracted the Ebola hemorrhagic fever.

Persons, who within the period of 42 days before the day of the arrival in the territory of the Czech Republic stayed for any period of time in the territory of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Liberia or the Republic of Sierra Leone, and landed at the Václav Havel Airport Prague, are bound not only to complete the Passenger Arrival Card, but also to report for the purpose of further examination to the demarcated area, set up in this airport, attended by an employee of the public health authority, authorised employee of the National Institute of Public Health or the Public Health Institute.

The above specified measures are a prerequisite for preventing the spread of Ebola in the territory of the Czech Republic, the basic condition for the possibility of tracing persons who were in contact with a person, who has contracted this infection or displays its symptoms, as well as the adoption of the necessary anti-epidemic measures with respect to these persons,

particularly monitoring their health condition or possibly putting them under compulsory medical supervision (see Section 2, Sub-section 6 of the Act on Protection of Public Health). As specified above, the prerequisite for the reduction of the risk of the Ebola haemorrhagic fever spreading from abroad is acquiring the maximum amount of information about the stay of the person, who has come into contact with the infection, and the adoption of anti-epidemic measures with respect to this person. To achieve this, it is necessary to know the personal details and other information about his/her stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, within the given period of time. **If the person refuses to provide the mentioned details, he/she may threaten public health, because if he/she has come into contact with a person infected with the Ebola haemorrhagic fever in the plane (which may manifest itself during the stay in the territory of the Czech Republic), and it is not possible to track him/her via the details on the Passenger Arrival Card, he/she may spread this infection further in the territory of the Czech Republic, thus causing its outbreak.**

Simultaneously, Letiště Praha, a. s., is obliged to ensure the distribution of Passenger Arrival Cards to the airlines, which will transport passengers to the Václav Havel Airport Prague, and is obliged to handover the completed passenger Arrival Cards to the public health authority, and is further bound to provide an area with isolation facilities to the employees of the public health authorities and the delegated employees of a National Institute of Public Health and Public Health Institute. Furthermore, Letiště Ostrava, a. s., Mošnov No. 401, Letiště Karlovy Vary, s. r. o., K letišti 132, Karlovy Vary, Letiště Brno, a. s., letiště Brno, Tuřany and EAST BOHEMIAN AIRPORT a. s., letiště Pardubice, Pardubice, are bound to ensure the distribution of Passenger Arrival Cards to the airlines, which will transport passengers to these international airports and their safe storage until their handover to the authorised employee of the relevant Regional Public Health Authority.

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