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**Measure
of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic
to mitigate the threat to public health**

The Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic as the authority in charge pursuant to Article 5 paragraph (4) point (h) of Act No 355/2007 Coll. on protection, encouragement and development of public health, as amended (hereinafter as "Act 355/2007 Coll."), in response to the extraordinary situation in the territory of the Slovak Republic declared by the government of the Slovak Republic in its Decree No 111, of 11 March 2020, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic declared by the World Health Organisation Director-General on 11 March 2020, and pursuant to Article 12 paragraph (2) points (b), (c) and (f), Article 48 paragraph (1) of Act No 355/2007 Coll. **puts in place these**

Measures:

- 1) All persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic after 6 July 2020 from 7a.m. onwards who in the past 14 days have visited one of the countries not listed in Annex 1 to this measure must self-isolate at home until they receive a negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19. Such persons are obliged to undergo COVID-19 laboratory test on the 5th day from the start of their self-isolation, or later. All persons living in the same household must self-isolate with the person under the sentence above. Children less than 3 years of age are exempt from the obligation to undergo COVID-19 testing, unless the competent regional public health authority or a pediatrician with whom the child has a valid health care service agreement, decide otherwise. The obligation of self-isolation for children less than 3 years of age who did not develop any respiratory disease expires on the day of the expiration of self-isolation of persons living in the same household with them.

- 2) All persons pursuant to point 1 entering the territory of the Slovak Republic after 6 July 2020 from 7 a.m. onwards must immediately notify, by phone or email, the competent regional public health authority and their GP with whom they have a valid health care services agreement or a pediatrician with whom the child has a valid health care services agreement, of their entry in the Slovak Republic. Any person who does not have such an agreement of health care services signed in the Slovak Republic, must report their accommodation during self-isolation pursuant to point 1 to the competent chief medical officer of the self-governing region.
- 3) All health care providers who provide health care in general medicine or pediatrics are instructed to issue a sick leave on the grounds of COVID-19 quarantine to all persons pursuant to point 1 who have entered the territory of the Slovak Republic after 6 July from 7 am, including all persons who live in the same household with such person.
- 4) Measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to:
 - drivers in freight transport, pilots and airplane crew or other air transport personnel, crew members in cargo shipping, train drivers, locomotive and train crew members, service staff in freight rail transport; these persons who cross the borders of the Slovak Republic also using other modes of transport when travelling to their workplaces or when returning home from work shall present a letter signed by their employer in the official language of the Slovak Republic or a Certificate of International Transport Workers using the template in Annex 3 of the Communication from the European Commission on the Application of the Green Lanes;
 - drivers and crew in passenger air and bus transport who assist in repatriation of people back to the Slovak Republic;
 - drivers and crew in emergency services who transport patients, and drivers and crew members who transport human organs intended for transplantation of body parts, blood and blood vessels;
 - funeral staff working in international transport of human bodies and remains intended for burial or cremation;
 - upon approval by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, persons who enter or leave the territory of the Slovak Republic to undergo an acute and urgent diagnostics and treatment, prevention and treatment with a protocol, and ongoing treatment of their own health condition or that of their next of kin;
 - upon approval by the Ministry of the Interior or Ministry of Defense of the Slovak Republic, entry or transit of police officers through the territory of the Slovak Republic to accomplish their tasks resulting from their membership in the EU and of military forces and NATO;

- transit of EU citizens and their family members through the territory of the Slovak Republic travelling to their respective EU member states. These persons must transit the territory of the Slovak Republic without undue stop within 8 hours from entry including necessary refueling of their vehicles;
- transit of persons with temporary or permanent residence in one of the EU member states when returning to the member state of which they are citizens. These persons must travel through the territory of the Slovak Republic without undue stop and within 8 hours from entry including necessary refueling of their vehicles;
- transit of third-country nationals to one of the EU member states where they have permanent or temporary residence. These persons must travel through the territory of the Slovak Republic without undue stop and within 8 hours from entering including necessary refueling of their vehicles;
- upon approval by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, persons who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic upon request of the court or law enforcement authorities;
- civil servants and employees performing tasks in public interest when seconded to represent the Slovak Republic in an international organization or international military mission outside the territory of the Slovak Republic, during and after their mission abroad together with their family members;
- persons enjoying diplomatic privileges and immunities in the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- upon approval by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, staff of international organizations, international financial institutions and institutions of the European Union who have their workplaces in the territory of the Slovak Republic, including their family members;
- members of the European Parliament elected in the Slovak Republic and their family members;
- persons seconded to missions and representations of the Slovak Republic who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic during and after their mission abroad, together with their family members;
- persons who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic based on a final court decision to execute their rights of shared parental care of a minor or, as the case might be, to execute their right of contact with a minor. Such person entering the territory of the Slovak Republic must present a final court decision or parental agreement and inform the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family of the Slovak Republic (Centre for International Protection of Children and Youth) of their intention to enter the territory of the Slovak Republic on the grounds stated above;

- upon approval by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, persons providing for service and maintenance of agricultural and forest equipment, crew of such agricultural and forest equipment and their accompanying staff.

The persons listed under this point are ordered to immediately report by phone any symptoms of respiratory disease to their respective general practitioner with whom they have signed an agreement on provision of health care services. In the event these persons do not have a health care provider in the territory of the Slovak Republic, they must report such information without delay to emergency number 112.

The drivers in freight transport, airplane crew members or other air transport personnel, crew members in cargo shipping, train drivers, locomotive and train crew members, service staff in freight rail transport who enter or exit the territory of the Slovak Republic to transport, load or unload the goods are instructed to do so while using personal protective equipment, limit personal contacts to a minimum and have rubber gloves available in their vehicles if needed together with hand sanitizers to provide for regular hand hygiene. Rail transport employees must have a letter signed by their employer proving clearly that crossing the state border results from the nature of their work in freight transport. Such persons during their necessary stay in the Slovak Republic outside their work-related duties must self-isolate in a chosen accommodation, when possible, in isolation from other persons living in the same household. Relevant personnel in passenger air transport are instructed to observe all preventive measures countering the epidemic as determined by the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic.

Funeral staff who conduct international transport of human bodies or remains intended for burial or cremation are instructed to use FFP2/FFP3 respirators when collecting, handing over and loading human remains, to limit direct contact with the staff abroad and to have rubber gloves and hand sanitizers in their vehicles for regular hand hygiene.

Drivers and medical staff who transfer patients are ordered to only use vehicles with divided spaces for the patient and the crew, to use personal protective equipment (FFP2/FFP3 respirators, protective goggles, gloves) and hand sanitizers for regular hand hygiene.

- 5) Measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to persons not covered by point 4 who have a permanent or temporary residence in the Slovak Republic and have an employment relationship or a similar employment relationship or place of work (for instance, self-employed persons), in cross-border areas within a road distance up to 30 km from an open border crossing to

the territory of the Slovak Republic and hold a letter signed by their employer or a confirmation of work performance.

At the same time, measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to persons who have a permanent or temporary residence in a cross-border area within 30 km from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic, and have an employment relationship or a similar work relationship or place of work (for instance, self-employed persons) in the territory of the Slovak Republic within a road distance of up to 30 km from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and hold a letter signed by their employer or a confirmation of work performance. Measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to persons living with such persons in the same household providing they cross the border in their company.

At the same time, measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to the citizens of the Slovak Republic who have permanent or temporary residence in a cross-border area within 30 km from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and to persons living with them in the same household providing they cross the border in their company.

- 6) In justified cases, the exemption from points 1 to 3 may be granted by the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic on the basis of a reasoned written request of a competent member of the Government of the Slovak Republic. In justified cases, an exemption from the obligation to submit a negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours may be granted by the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic on the basis of a reasoned written request of a competent member of the Government of the Slovak Republic.
- 7) Measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic to take an entrance, final or any other examination or enrolment at schools in the Slovak Republic or to collect their personal belongings from dormitories or other accommodation facilities, including one accompanying person, and hold a letter from school confirming the purpose of their visit (for instance, invitation to entrance examination, enrolment at school). These persons are obliged to submit a negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours to a member of the police force of the Slovak Republic. Alternatively, after entering the territory of the Slovak Republic through border crossings where no control is performed, it is necessary to immediately submit the said negative result to the relevant regional public health authority.
- 8) The measure under points 1 to 3 does not apply to persons not covered by point 4 who have a permanent or temporary residence in the Slovak Republic and provide urgent care for their close family members in the

territory of a neighbouring state who are unable to take care of themselves, including one accompanying person. A person who thus crosses the border of the Slovak Republic is obliged to present a certificate of urgent care of a close family member issued by a general practitioner and a statutory declaration of family relationship. The documents shall be translated into Slovak.

In the event the stay of such persons in these countries exceeds 24 hours, at entry to the territory of the Slovak Republic the persons are obliged to submit a negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours.

At the same time, measures under points 1 to 3 do not apply to persons who have permanent or temporary residence in one of the countries neighbouring the Slovak Republic and who cross the border of the Slovak Republic to provide an urgent care for their close family members in the Slovak Republic who are unable to take care of themselves, including one accompanying person. A person who thus crosses the border of the Slovak Republic is obliged to present a certificate of urgent care of a close family member issued by a general practitioner and a statutory declaration of family relationship. These documents shall be translated into Slovak. The person is obliged to submit a negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic.

Date: 6 July 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until further notice

By entry into force of this measure, the measure of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic No OLP / 4739/2020 of 9 June 2020 is repealed.

R e a s o n i n g

The Government of the Slovak Republic, pursuant to Article 8 of the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 42/1994 Coll. on the Civil Protection of the Population, as amended, declared extraordinary situation on 12 March 2020 on the ground of a second-degree threat to public health.

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

The measure is one of the important tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease caused by coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in the Slovak Republic.

The persons who are required to self-isolate under this measure are obliged to:

- a) monitor their health condition (sudden onset of at least one of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath) and, in the event of symptoms, immediately contact by telephone their general practitioner and the competent regional public health authority and undergo the sampling of biological material;
- b) refrain from social contacts;
- c) refrain from travel, except for an immediate transfer to a place of self-isolation;
- d) refrain from any activities that require leaving the place of self-isolation or receiving vulnerable persons in the place of self-isolation.

Disregarding the above measure is deemed an offence in the field of public health according to Article 56 of Act No 355/2007 Coll., for which the relevant regional public health authority shall impose a fine pursuant to Article 56 paragraph 2 of Act No 355/2007 Coll., in the amount of up to EUR 1,659. In ticket procedure, the police or the municipal police can issue a ticket up to EUR 1,000 for non-compliance with the measure.

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Annex 1

List of countries under point 1 of the measure

Commonwealth of Australia
Kingdom of Belgium
Republic of Cyprus
Czech Republic
People's Republic of China
Kingdom of Denmark
Republic of Estonia
Faroe Islands (self-governing territory under the Kingdom of Denmark)
Republic of Finland
French Republic
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Croatia
The Netherlands
Republic of Ireland
Iceland
Japan
Republic of Korea
Principality of Liechtenstein
Republic of Lithuania
Republic of Latvia
Hungary
Republic of Malta
Principality of Monaco
Federal Republic of Germany
Kingdom of Norway
New Zealand
Republic of Poland
Republic of Austria
Republic of Slovenia
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Kingdom of Spain
Swiss Confederation
Italian Republic

Effective as of 20 July 2020, 07:00 a.m.