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NEW MEASURES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC IMPOSE OBLIGATORY HOME OFFICE AND CURB FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS DUE TO COVID-19

Following the declared state of emergency on 30 September 2020 and the lockdown from 21 October 2020, the Czech Government took additional measures yesterday 26.10.2020 aimed at curbing the spread of Covid-19.

The new measures are effective from **28 October 2020 00:00 to 3 November 2020 23:59**.

The new measures primarily **restrict free movement of persons**, however **additional restrictions on business** are imposed as well.

These measures apply in addition to the measures described in our [previous alert](#).

Here are the most important new restrictions:

OBLIGATORY HOME OFFICE REGIME

The Czech Government ordered that employers shall use remote working (from home) if possible, taking into consideration the characteristics of the working activity and the operating conditions involved.

CLOSED RETAIL PREMISES AND RESTAURANTS ON SUNDAY AND AT NIGHT

The following prohibition that was already in place still applies - all restaurants, bars, and shops must stay closed, with the exception of: grocery stores, pharmacies, and all stores selling IT products, consumer electronics, newspapers, magazines and tobacco, pets and glasses shops, gardening goods, textile (and some other exception).

Furthermore, retail sales and the sales of services in business premises are forbidden on Sundays (during the entire day) and from Mondays to Saturdays from 20:00 to 4:59, with the exception of:

- petrol stations;
- pharmacies;
- shops at the airport, train and bus stations;
- stores in medical facilities;
- some restaurant establishments that are not for the general public (such as employees' cafeterias and restaurants, and food providers in social services homes and medical facilities); and
- activities that are not trades under the Czech Trade Act.

RESTRICTIONS ON FREE MOVEMENT

The Czech Government has prohibited free movement of people from 21:00 to 4:59, with the exception of:

- travel to and from work and performance of business or other similar activities;
- performance of work duties;
- performance of activities ensuring public safety, order and crisis management, health protection, provision of health and social care, public transport and other infrastructure, services for the population, including supply and distribution services;
- necessary travel to ensure the protection of human life, health, property or other legally protected interests; and
- walking dogs up to 500 meters from the place of residence.

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