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## METHODOLOGY OF EXAMINATION OF PASSENGERS USING CZECH CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICE DOGS SPECIALIZED IN SEARCHING FOR COVID-19

Based on the Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic No. 20599/2020-56/MIN/KAN issued on 14. 2. 2021 all persons who enter the Czech territory are ordered to undergo an inspection of infectious disease symptoms while crossing the state border. If infectious disease symptoms are found the persons are obliged to provide sufficient cooperation to medical personnel in taking a biological sample aimed at discovering the occurrence of COVID-19. This instruction is stipulated in Article I/1b) of the above mentioned Protective Measure and includes all persons who, in the past 14 days, stayed on the territory of states which are listed in the list of countries with high risk of COVID-19 occurrence for more than 12 hours.

There are the following exceptions from the obligation:

- a) International transport personnel,
- b) EU citizens including citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners who did not exceed the 12-hour time limit,
- c) accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic including private service persons, holders of private service passports and holders of diplomatic passports,
- d) persons under 5 years,
- e) professional sportspersons and members of the state representation of the Czech Republic or other countries,
- f) cross-country workers, pupils and students,
- g) police personnel performing escort activity,
- h) Czech and EU citizens who have provably had COVID-19, were in isolation in the stipulated extent and not more than 90 days have passed from the 1<sup>st</sup> positive result; such medical certificate must include a doctor's stamp, identification and telephone contact (see the web pages of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic for a medical certificate specimen),
- i) Critical infrastructure service personnel whose work performance is in the interest of the Czech Republic,
- j) Holders of a diplomatic note certifying documented isolation as a result of COVID-19,
- k) Persons participating in cross-border cooperation within intervention of integrated emergency management system bodies.

Work procedure:

- 1) After landing, passengers of a selected flight will be given leaflets informing them that they are to undergo an inspection by a Czech Customs Administration service dog which will take place next to conveyor belt no. 14.
- 2) After arriving at the inspection area the passengers will be informed about the course of the inspection; passengers who are not subject to the inspection due to one of the above given reasons will be given a service stamp on the information leaflet.
- 3) The remaining passengers will gradually, following a customs officer's instructions, take a sweat sample using a supplied sample material (face mask, gauze).

- 4) Based on a customs officer's instructions the passengers will insert the sweat sample material into a plastic cup and place the plastic cup into a designated holder.
- 5) The passengers will wait at a designated spot until the inspection of the sweat sample material by a service dog is completed.
- 6) If the sample is assessed as negative the passengers will be given a service stamp on the information leaflet. After that the passengers may collect their luggage and continue to the exit from the customs area where they hand in the confirmed information leaflet. Passengers of the selected flight without a confirmed leaflet will be sent back for the inspection by customs officers at the exit from the customs area.
- 7) If a service dog indicates at a passenger's sample it is necessary to verify the suspicion by a laboratory check. A laboratory technician (GHC company) will be summoned to take a sample from the passenger. The selected passenger is obliged to submit to the sampling (as stipulated above). The passenger will be informed on the spot that they have been suspected of contracting COVID-19 and that it is essential that – as a person suspected of infection – they minimize contact with other people, report the address of their stay in the Czech Republic (it is recommended to check this address with the address given in the entrance questionnaire) and stay at the address until receiving a text message informing of the laboratory check result. If a rapid coronavirus test is available the passenger may wait for its result on the spot. Otherwise the passenger will receive a FFP2 respirator and go to the address of their stay. If the person suspected of an infection has symptoms of an infectious disease (such as temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell, respiratory or digestive problems) the next course of action will be decided by the Prague Airport permanent medical service. In case of a positive result the passenger will be informed about further course of action by telephone or a text message.
- 8) After the inspection is finished the area will be disinfected and the waste contaminated by biological material accumulated during the inspection will be disposed of by the Prague Airport as dangerous waste (based on the Airport's internal rule).

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