

**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

In Prague, on 17.4.2015
Ref. No.: 18155/2015-NH-30.0-14.4.2015

THE DECISION TO TERMINATE PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The Ministry of Health, as an administrative authority with competence in accordance with § 80, Paragraph 1h) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., On Protecting Public Health and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), has reached the following decision about protective measures against the introduction of the Ebola haemorrhagic fever:

Pursuant to § 68, Paragraph 1 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll. the protective measures ordered under Ref. No. 60681/2014-NH-30.0-23.12.2014, of 23.12.2014, to protect against the introduction of the Ebola haemorrhagic fever from abroad via the International Vaclav Havel Prague Airport, **as of the 30th April 2015 from 24:00**, will be

terminated.

Reasoning:

According to the latest reports of the World Health Organization the spread of Ebola in West African countries has slowed-down significantly during recent weeks. In the week ending on the 5th April 2015 a total of 30 new confirmed cases were reported from the West African countries that have been affected by Ebola, which is 27 fewer than during the previous week. As of that date Guinea recorded 21 new confirmed cases of Ebola, while in Liberia no confirmed case of Ebola was reported as of that date and in Sierra Leone, during the same period, nine confirmed cases of Ebola were recorded. The quality control of exit screening in the countries that have been affected by Ebola, which was conducted by a mission of experts from the World Health Organization, confirmed that the exit screening is being carried out well, as is proven by the experience of the public health authorities who provided the 24/7 service at Vaclav Havel Prague Airport.

In the 15th calendar week of 2015 an exchange of information took place between the EU Member States through the auspices of the Health Security Committee of the European Commission about the status of the introduction of entry screening in the individual EU Member States. The discussion showed that with regard to calming the situation of the incidence of Ebola in the countries of West Africa, a number of European countries had already terminated the previously imposed protective measures. After evaluating the situation as of the 30th April 2015 the protective measures will also be terminated in the Czech Republic.

According to § 68 Paragraph 1, the last sentence of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., proceedings for terminating protective measures against the introduction of infectious diseases from abroad are not subject to the Administrative Rules. The decision to terminate the protective measures, pursuant to § 68 Paragraph 3 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., will be posted on the official notice-board of the Ministry of Health and also on the official notice-boards of the regional public health authorities and at the relevant border crossing, i.e. at the International Vaclav Havel Prague Airport.


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