

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Prague, 27 September 2012
Ref.no: MZDR 33888/2012

The Ministry of Health as the administrative authority, legally authorized as stipulated by § 80 para. 1 letter g) of Act no. 258/2000 of the Collection, on the Protection of Public Health and on Amendments of Related Acts, As Amended, for the purposes of protection of health of physical persons who are in immediate threat from hazardous or potentially hazardous distillates or spirits, adopts, in accordance with para 95 of Act no. 258/2000, the following

Exceptional Measure:

The food business operators, including entities operating catering services, are forbidden to offer for sale, to sell or engage in any other means of offering for consumption of spirits containing the volume of 20% and more of ethanol, including “tuzemák” and consumer alcohol, which were produced after 31 December 2011, unless they are in all stages of the distribution chain accompanied by a complete traceability document according to the *Governmental Regulation no. 317/2012 Coll., Laying Down the Form of a Document on the Origin of Certain Kinds of Ethyl Alcohol, Distillates and Certain Kinds of Spirits*.

Further, the food business operators are forbidden to distribute and export outside the territory of the Czech Republic spirits containing the volume of 20% and more of ethanol, including “tuzemák” and consumer alcohol, which were produced after 31 December 2011, unless they are in all stages of distribution chain accompanied by a complete traceability document according to the *Governmental Regulation no. 317/2012 Coll.*

Within 60 days since the day of coming into force of this *Exceptional Measure*, the food business operators, including entities operating catering services, shall dispose, in accordance with *Act 185/2001 on Waste and Amendment of some Related Acts*, of spirits containing the volume of 20% and more of ethanol, including “tuzemák” and consumer alcohol, which are contained in consumer packaging which, by the day of announcement of this *Exceptional Measure*, had been opened and thus their strip stamps had been damaged or broken, with the exception of spirits containing the volume of 20% and more of ethanol, including “tuzemák” and consumer alcohol, whose safety can be proven by a laboratory certificate from an accredited laboratory.

This *Exceptional Measure* replaces the *Exceptional Measure of 20 September 2012*, ref. no MZDR 32764/2012, and comes into force immediately upon its announcement in the nationwide television and radio broadcast.

The *Exceptional Measure* will be cancelled in the same manner, i.e. via announcement in the nationwide television and radio broadcast.

The entire text of the *Exceptional Measure* will be posted on the official desk of the Ministry of Health and official desks of regional public health protection authorities. The content of the official desk will be published in a manner allowing distant access.

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