

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague, 27 September 2012
Ref. No MZDR 33888/2012

The Ministry of Health, as the administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No 258/2000 on the protection of public health and amending certain related laws, as amended, hereby promulgates pursuant to Section 95 of Act No 258/2000, with a view to protecting the health of individuals directly endangered by distillates and spirit drinks which are, or are suspected of being, hazardous to health, the following:

Emergency Measure:

Food business operators, including persons providing catering services, are prohibited from offering for sale, selling or otherwise proffering for consumption to the final customer spirit drinks with an ethanol content of 20% or more by volume, including *tuzemák* and potable alcohol, produced after 31 December 2011, unless accompanied, at all stages of being put into circulation, by a document of origin in accordance with Government Regulation No 317/2012 establishing a form to document the origin of certain types of ethyl alcohol, distillate and certain types of spirit drinks.

Further, food business operators are prohibited from exporting and distributing outside the Czech Republic spirit drinks with an ethanol content of 20% or more by volume, including *tuzemák* and potable alcohol, produced after 31 December 2011, unless accompanied, at all stages of being put into circulation, by a document of origin in accordance with Government Regulation No 317/2012.

Food business operators, including persons providing catering services, are ordered, within 60 days of the promulgation of this Measure, in accordance with Act No 185/2001 on waste and amending certain other laws, as amended, to dispose of spirit drinks with an ethanol content of 20% or more by volume, including *tuzemák* and potable alcohol, contained in immediate packaging, the opening of which, up to the date of promulgation of this Measure, has damaged or torn the guarantee seal, with the exception of those spirit drinks with an ethanol content of 20% or more by volume, including *tuzemák* and potable alcohol, the fitness for consumption of which is evidenced by a test report from an accredited laboratory.

This Emergency Measure supersedes Emergency Measure No MZDR 32764/2012 of 20 September 2012 and shall be binding upon broadcast hereof on national television and radio.

The present Emergency Measure shall be revoked by the same procedure, i.e. by broadcast on national television and radio.

The full text of the Emergency Measure shall be displayed on the official notice board of the Ministry of Health and official notice boards in the headquarters of regional hygiene stations. The content of the official notice boards will be published in a manner facilitating remote access.

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Minister

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