

THE SECOND CZECH CORONAVIRUS LOCK-DOWN : THE IMMEDIATE IMPACTS ON BUSINESSES

After a steady increase of Covid-19 infections and a series of less restrictive measures, the Czech Republic's government imposed a wide-ranging retail and travel lock-down effective as of 22 October, 2020. Unlike the measures imposed in March, the current restrictions are less intrusive as regards business operations, in particular cross-border travel. However, local retail, entertainment and hospitality businesses will be affected almost as heavily as in the spring.

We briefly summarize below the main areas impacted.

BUSINESS TRAVEL ACROSS BORDERS

Unlike in March, travel across the Czech border will not be restricted in any wide-ranging sense. It should therefore be possible for business travellers to enter and exit the Czech Republic on terms similar as in the past weeks and months.

CROSS BORDER FREIGHT AND SHIPMENTS

Equally, international freight transport and shipment are not affected by the lock-down.

BUSINESS TRAVEL WITHIN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Although comprehensive travel restrictions will be in place from 22 October, travel for work and business within the Czech Republic will be exempt. Unlike in the spring, accommodation establishments will be allowed to accommodate business travellers.

Restaurants and other dining establishments have now been closed for a week and must stay closed, but they may sell take-away orders.

Protective face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors, subject to exemptions covering in essence only family situations and situations outdoors where sufficient distance between persons can be kept.

NON-RETAIL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Operations of non-retail businesses (i.e. manufacturing, office, logistics, agriculture, etc.), are not directly affected by the measures. However, the closure of all levels of schools, in effect since mid-October, may be forcing employees to take leaves of absence in order to attend to school-aged children.

RETAIL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Most retail businesses, other than the natural exemptions like food retail, pharmacies, gas stations, and several other retail lines, are subject to forced closures. Shopping centres and malls are open but non-exempt units must be closed. Cinemas, theatres and similar public entertainment establishments have been closed since mid-October and will remain closed.

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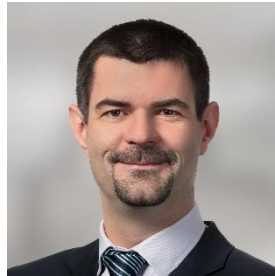
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