METHODICAL MEASURE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC REGULATING CONDITIONS FOR TRAVELLERS UNDER TREATMENT WITH INTERNATIONALLY CONTROLLED DRUGS

In accordance with the "International guidelines for national regulations concerning travellers under treatment with internationally controlled drugs" prepared by the by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and the World Health Organization (WHO), on the basis of Resolution No. 46/6 of the Commission for Narcotic Drugs (CND) http://www.incb.org/incb/en/publications/Guidelines.html, the Czech Republic regulates conditions for travellers taking medicinal preparations containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances listed in Annex 1 or Annex 5 of Government Regulation Concerning a List of Dependency-Producing Substances No. 463/2013 Coll., i.e. medicinal preparations prescribed on the basis of a prescription with a blue stripe.

Persuant to Section 20 (2) (a) and Section 21 (2) (a) of the Act No. 167/1998 Coll. on Dependency-Producing Substances, travellers may import and export, without an import or export permit, the mentioned medicinal preparations (prescribed on the basis of a prescription with a blue stripe) for their personal use, in an amount corresponding tom the prescribed dose and the duration of the stay*)

Legal acquisition can be proved by a document of <u>certification issued by the examining</u>

<u>physician</u> (copy of the prescription with a blue stripe, exchange sheet, official paper of the health-care facility) which shall contain the following information:

✓ Identification information on the patient

- Name and surname, date of birth, permanent address
- ✓ The name of the medicinal preparation (including the strength and size of the package)
 - Name of the active substance
 - The daily dose
 - The total amount of packages prescribed

✓ Identification information on the examining physician

- Name, stamp and signature, stamp of the health-care facility

 (copy of the prescription must be affixed with the original imprint of the stamp and signature)
- Address and name of the health-care facility
- All accessible contacts in case of the need for consultation (telephone, fax, e-mail)

This methodical measure shall apply only to mass-produced medicinal preparations and not to the medicinal substances.

As the regulations dealing with this aspect are not uniform in all countries, it is necessary that travellers verify, in advance, the conditions stipulated by the competent authorities of the countries that they intend to visit and/or transit countries, as appropriate.

^{*)} For a stay exceeding 30 days, it is necessary to consult a professional physician at the place of destination for a further prescription, depending on the medical condition, the particular diagnosis and in agreement with the examining physician.