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COVID-19: Aid for sport entities and organisations-CZ
State Aid SA.59353 (2020/N) - Czech Republic
COVID-19: Aid for professional sport clubs-CZ

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1. PROCEDURE

- (1) By electronic notification of 4 December 2020, the Czech Republic notified two aid schemes in the form of limited amounts of aid (programs “COVID Sport II” and “Support for sport competitions”, hereinafter jointly referred to as the “measures”, and individually referred to as “COVID Sport II measure” and “Support for Sport measure”) under the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak, as amended (“the Temporary Framework”).¹

¹ Communication from the Commission - Temporary framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak, OJ C 91I, 20.3.2020, p. 1, as amended by Communication from the Commission C(2020) 2215 final of 3 April 2020 on the Amendment of the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak, OJ C 112I, 4.4.2020, p. 1, by Communication from the Commission C(2020) 3156 final of 8 May 2020 on the Amendment of the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak, OJ C 164, 13.5.2020, p. 3, by Communication from the Commission C(2020) 4509 final of 29 June 2020 on the Third Amendment of the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak, OJ C

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- (2) The Czech Republic exceptionally agrees to waive its rights deriving from Article 342 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (“TFEU”), in conjunction with Article 3 of Regulation 1/1958² and to have this Decision adopted and notified in English.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURES

- (3) The Czech Republic considers that the COVID-19 outbreak has started to affect the real economy. The measures form part of an overall package of measures and aims to ensure that sufficient liquidity remains available in the market, to counter the liquidity shortage faced by undertakings because of the outbreak, to ensure that the disruptions caused by the outbreak do not undermine the viability of the undertakings and thereby to preserve the continuity of economic activity during and after the outbreak.
- (4) The Czech Republic confirmed that the aids under the measures are not conditioned on the relocation of a production activity or of another activity of the beneficiaries from another country within the EEA to the territory of the Member State granting the aid. This is irrespective of the number of job losses actually occurred in the initial establishment of the beneficiaries in the EEA.
- (5) The compatibility assessment of the measures is based on Article 107(3)(b) TFEU, in light of sections 2 and 3.1 of the Temporary Framework.

2.1. The nature and form of aid

- (6) The measures provide aid in the form of direct grants.

2.2. Legal basis

- (7) The legal bases for the measures are Act No.115/2001 Col., on support of sport, as amended; Act No. 218/2000 Col., on budgetary rules, as amended; Act No. 500/2004 Col., the Administrative procedure Code, as amended; the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic of 14 October 2020 No. 1038 on the Program for the Support of Business Entities in the Field of Sport Affected by the World Spread of COVID -19 ("COVID - Sport II").

2.3. Administration of the measure

- (8) The Národní sportovní agentura (National Sport Agency) and the Ministerstvo průmyslu a obchodu (Ministry of Industry and Trade) are responsible for administering the COVID Sport II measure, as competent authority and granting authority, respectively.

218, 2.7.2020, p. 3 and by Communication from the Commission C(2020) 7127 final of 13 October 2020 on the Fourth Amendment of the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak and amendment to the Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Member States on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to short-term export-credit insurance, OJ C 340 I, 13.10.2020, p. 1.

² Regulation No 1 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community, OJ 17, 6.10.1958, p. 385.

- (9) This Národní sportovní agentura (National Sport Agency), acting as both competent and granting authority, is responsible for administering the Support for Sport measure.

2.4. Budget and duration of the measure

- (10) The estimated budget of the COVID Sport II measure is EUR 18 999 126³.
- (11) The estimated budget of the Support for Sport measure is EUR 1 747 919⁴.
- (12) The Czech Republic committed not to grant any aid before the Commission has adopted its decision approving the schemes. Aid may be granted under the schemes as from the notification of the Commission decision until no later than 30 June 2021.

2.5. Beneficiaries

- (13) The estimated number of beneficiaries of the COVID Sport II measure are from 101 to 500 and includes:
- a) undertakings participating in the following professional sport leagues in the Czech Republic (as selected by the National Sport Agency): Fortuna league (football), Fortuna National League (football), Tipsport Extraliga Ice Hockey, Chance Ice Hockey League, Kooperativa National Basketball League, Renomia Women's Basketball League, UNIQUA Extraliga Men (volleyball), UNIQUA Extraliga Women (volleyball), STRABAG RAIL Extraliga Men (handball) and MOL Women's League (handball); and
 - b) Undertakings organizing or co-organising sport events which have been cancelled and which were scheduled to take place between 12 March 2020 and 31 July 2020.
- (14) The beneficiaries of the Support of Sport measure are non-profit sport entities participating in professional leagues in the Czech Republic as selected by the National Sports Agency. These professional leagues are: Fortuna League (football), Fortuna National League (football), Tipsport Extraliga Ice Hockey, Chance Ice Hockey League, Kooperativa National Basketball League, Renomia Women's Basketball League, UNIQUA Extraliga Men (volleyball), UNIQUA Extraliga Women (volleyball), STRABAG RAIL Extraliga Men (handbal) and MOL Women's League (handbal). The estimated number of final beneficiaries of the Support for Sport measure are from 101 to 500.
- (15) As indicated by the Czech Republic, the beneficiaries of both measures were prevented or restricted from their main activities in the field of participation in professional sport championships or in the organisation of sport events due to government measures against the spread of COVID19.

³ The estimated budget is of 500 000 000 Czech koruna. The conversion into Euros has been made based on the exchange rate of the European Central Bank from 14 December 2020.

⁴ The estimated budget is of 46 000 000 Czech koruna. The conversion into Euros has been made based on the exchange rate of the European Central Bank from 14 December 2020.

- (16) The final beneficiaries of the measures are large enterprises and SMEs⁵ active in the Czech Republic, including non-profit entities. However, financial institutions are excluded as eligible final beneficiaries.
- (17) Aid may not be granted under the measures to medium⁶ and large enterprises that were already in difficulty within the meaning of the General Block Exemption Regulation (“GBER”)⁷ on 31 December 2019. Aid may be granted to micro and small enterprises that were in difficulty within the meaning of the General Block Exemption Regulation (“GBER”)⁸ on 31 December 2019, if those enterprises, at the moment of granting the aid, are not subject to collective insolvency procedure under national law and they have not received rescue aid⁹ or restructuring aid.¹⁰

2.6. Sectoral and regional scope of the measure

- (18) The measures are open to non-profit and profit sport entities participating in the professional sport leagues in the Czech Republic (as selected by the National Sport Agency), as well as to undertakings organizing or co-organising sport events that were planned for 2020, except undertakings of the financial sector. The measures apply to the territory of the following regions in the Czech Republic: Praha, Střední Čechy, Severozápad, Jihozápad, Severovýchod, Jihovýchod, Střední Morava and Moravskoslezsko.

⁵ As defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1.

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⁷ As defined in Article 2(18) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1[, Article 2(14) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 193, 1.7.2014, p. 1, and Article 3(5) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014 of 16 December 2014 declaring certain categories of aid to undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 369, 24.12.2014, p. 37.]

⁸ As defined in Article 2(18) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1[, Article 2(14) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 193, 1.7.2014, p. 1, and Article 3(5) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014 of 16 December 2014 declaring certain categories of aid to undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 369, 24.12.2014, p. 37.]

⁹ Alternatively, if they have received rescue aid, they have reimbursed the loan or terminated the guarantee at the moment of granting of the aid under the notified measure.

¹⁰ Alternatively, if they have received restructuring aid, they are no longer subject to a restructuring plan at the moment of granting of the aid under the notified measure.

2.7. Basic elements of the measure

- (19) The aid under the COVID Sport II measure will be calculated and allocated as follows:
- a) The aid in support of undertakings participating in professional sports leagues in the Czech Republic will be granted as a percentage of the beneficiaries' operating costs. Eligible costs for this support are costs incurred from 12 March 2020 to 31 December 2020 for services, materials and personnel costs related to the participation in professional championships (including possible participation in European and national championships), as well as costs incurred in that period on sports training for the mentioned competitions. In spring 2020, the Czech Republic's authorities prohibited sport events. Although the ban was lifted during the summer period, it was implemented again in autumn. Due to these bans, the sport clubs lost the main source of income for a significant part of the year. The aid granted can cover up to 50% of the eligible costs. The amounts allocated to the beneficiaries active in different professional sport leagues are the following:

League	Sport	Maximum amount of aid (in CZK and EUR)¹¹
Fortuna League	Football	12 500 000 CZK/ 477 026.41 EUR
Fortuna National League	Football	2 250 000 CZK/ 85 864.75 EUR
Tipsport Extraliga Ice Hockey	Ice Hockey	12 500 000 CZK/ 477 026.41 EUR
Chance Ice Hockey League	Ice Hockey	2 250 000 CZK/ 85 864.75 EUR
Kooperativa National Basketball League	Basketball	1 250 000 CZK/ 47 702.64 EUR
Renomia Women's Basketball League	Basketball	1 250 000 CZK/ 47 702.64 EUR

¹¹ The conversion into Euros has been made based on the exchange rate of the European Central Bank from 17 December 2020.

UNIQUA Extraliga Men	Volleyball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR
UNIQUA Extraliga Women	Volleyball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR
STRABAG RAIL Extraliga Men	Handball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR
MOL Women's League	Handball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR

The above-mentioned maximum subsidy limits have been set by the National Sports Agency on the basis of an assessment of the economic complexity of individual competitions, as well as according to the Agency's survey and estimations of caused damage due to the COVID19 outbreak.

- b) The aid in support of undertakings organising or co-organising sport events will be granted for project costs of the sport events that were planned to be organised between 12 March 2020 and 31 July 2020 and which were cancelled due to the containment measures adopted by the Czech Republic's authorities due to the COVID19 outbreak. Eligible costs are only the project costs incurred during 2019 and 2020 for services, material and personnel associated with the sports events cancelled in 2020 as a result of measures taken by the authorities due to the COVID19 outbreak. The aid granted will cover a maximum of EUR 379 982 per beneficiary¹². The minimum amount of total eligible costs per application is EUR 37 998¹³.

For both types of aids described above under letters a) and b), the overall nominal value of the direct grants shall not exceed EUR 800 000 per undertaking; all figures used must be gross, that is, before any deduction of tax or other charges.

- (20) The aid under the Support for Sport measure will be calculated and granted as follows. It is granted in relation to the operating costs incurred by the beneficiaries from 12 March 2020 to 31 December 2020 for services, materials and personnel costs related to participation in professional championships (including possible participation in European and national championships), as well as costs incurred in that period on sports training for the mentioned competitions. The overall nominal value of the direct grants shall not exceed

¹² The estimated budget is of 10 000 000 Czech koruna. The conversion into Euros has been made based on the exchange rate of the European Central Bank from 14 December 2020.

¹³ The estimated budget is of 1 000 000 Czech koruna. The conversion into Euros has been made based on the exchange rate of the European Central Bank from 14 December 2020.

EUR 800 000 per undertaking; all figures used must be gross, that is, before any deduction of tax or other charges. In spring 2020, the Czech Republic's authorities prohibited sport events. Although the ban was lifted during the summer period, it was implemented again as from 5 October 2020. Due to these bans, the non-profit sport clubs lost the main source of income for a significant part of the year. The aid can cover up to 50% of the eligible costs. The amounts allocated to the beneficiaries active in different professional sport leagues are the following are:

League	Sport	Maximum amount of grant (in CZK and EUR)¹⁴
Fortuna League	Football	12 500 000 CZK/ 477 026.41 EUR
Fortuna National League	Football	2 250 000 CZK/ 85 864.75 EUR
Tipsport Extraliga Ice Hockey	Ice Hockey	12 500 000 CZK/ 477 026.41 EUR
Chance Ice Hockey League	Ice Hockey	2 250 000 CZK/ 85 864.75 EUR
Kooperativa National Basketball League	Basketball	1 250 000 CZK/ 47 702.64 EUR
Renomia Women's Basketball League	Basketball	1 250 000 CZK/ 47 702.64 EUR
UNIQUA Extraliga Men	Volleyball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR
UNIQUA Extraliga Women	Volleyball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR
STRABAG RAIL Extraliga Men	Handball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR

¹⁴ The conversion into Euros has been made based on the exchange rate of the European Central Bank from 17 December 2020.

MOL Women's League	Handball	750 000 CZK/ 28 621.58 EUR
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2.8. Cumulation

- (21) The Czech Republic's authorities confirm that aid granted under the measures may be cumulated with aid under de minimis Regulations¹⁵ or the General Block Exemption Regulation¹⁶ provided the provisions and cumulation rules of those Regulations are respected.
- (22) The Czech Republic's authorities confirm that aid granted under the measures may be cumulated with aid granted under other measures approved by the Commission under other sections of the Temporary Framework provided the provisions in those specific sections are respected.
- (23) The Czech Republic's authorities confirm that if the beneficiary receives aid on several occasions or in several forms under the measures or aid under other measures approved by the Commission under section 3.1 of the Temporary Framework, the overall maximum cap per undertaking, as set out in points 22(a) of that framework, will be respected.

2.9. Monitoring and reporting

- (24) The Czech Republic's authorities confirm that they will respect the monitoring and reporting obligations laid down in section 4 of the Temporary Framework (including the obligation to publish relevant information on each individual aid above EUR 100 000 granted under the measure on the comprehensive national

¹⁵ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 1), Commission Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013 p. 9), Commission Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190, 28.6.2014, p. 45) and Commission Regulation (EU) No 360/2012 of 25 April 2012 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid granted to undertakings providing services of general economic interest (OJ L 114, 26.4.2012, p. 8).

¹⁶ Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 187 of 26.6.2014, p. 1, Commission Regulation (EC) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, OJ L 193, 1.7.2014, p. 1 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014 of 16 December 2014 declaring certain categories of aid to undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union OJ L 369, 24.12.2014, p. 37.

State aid website or Commission's IT tool within 12 months from the moment of granting¹⁷).

3. ASSESSMENT

3.1. Lawfulness of the measure

- (25) By notifying the measure before putting it into effect, the Czech Republic's authorities have respected their obligations under Article 108(3) TFEU.

3.2. Existence of State aid

- (26) For a measure to be categorised as aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU, all the conditions set out in that provision must be fulfilled. First, the measure must be imputable to the State and financed through State resources. Second, it must confer an advantage on its recipients. Third, that advantage must be selective in nature. Fourth, the measure must distort or threaten to distort competition and affect trade between Member States.
- (27) The measures are imputable to the State, since they are administered by the Národní sportovní agentura (National Sport Agency) and, in the case of COVID - Sport II, also by the Ministerstvo průmyslu a obchodu (Ministry of Industry and Trade) and they are based on Act No.115/2001 Col., on support of sport, as amended; Act No. 218/2000 Col., on budgetary rules, as amended; Act No. 500/2004 Col., the Administrative procedure Code, as amended; the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic of 14 October 2020 No. 1038 on the Program for the Support of Business Entities in the Field of Sport Affected by the World Spread of COVID -19 ("COVID - Sport II"). The measures are financed through State resources, since they are financed by public funds.
- (28) The measures confer an advantage on their beneficiaries in the form of direct grants. The measures thus confer on those beneficiaries an advantage, which they would not have had under normal market conditions.
- (29) The advantage granted by the measures is selective, since it is awarded only to certain undertakings, in particular non-profit and profit sport clubs participating in the professional sport leagues active in certain regions in the Czech Republic (as selected by the National Sport Agency), as well as undertakings organizing or co-organising sport events that were planned for 2020, excluding the financial sector.
- (30) The measures are liable to distort competition, since they strengthen the competitive position of their beneficiaries. They also affect trade between Member States, since those beneficiaries are active in sectors in which intra-Union trade exists.
- (31) In view of the above, the Commission concludes that the measures constitute aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU. The Czech Republic's authorities do not contest that conclusion.

¹⁷ Referring to information required in Annex III to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 and Annex III to Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 and Annex III to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014.

3.3. Compatibility

- (32) Since the measures involve aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU, it is necessary to consider whether that measure is compatible with the internal market.
- (33) Pursuant to Article 107(3)(b) TFEU the Commission may declare compatible with the internal market aid “*to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State*”.
- (34) By adopting the Temporary Framework on 19 March 2020, the Commission acknowledged (in section 2) that “*the COVID-19 outbreak affects all Member States and that the containment measures taken by Member States impact undertakings*”. The Commission concluded that “*State aid is justified and can be declared compatible with the internal market on the basis of Article 107(3)(b) TFEU, for a limited period, to remedy the liquidity shortage faced by undertakings and ensure that the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak do not undermine their viability, especially of SMEs*”.
- (35) The measures aim at supporting the lack of liquidity faced by the beneficiaries, as well as the sustainability of activities that have been restricted in their business activities in connection with the negative effects of extraordinary government measures, at a time when the normal functioning of markets is severely disturbed by the COVID-19 outbreak and that outbreak is affecting the wider economy and leading to severe disturbances of the real economy of Member States.
- (36) The measures are one of a series of measures conceived at national level by the Czech Republic’s authorities to remedy a serious disturbance in their economy. The importance of the measures to preserve employment and economic continuity is widely accepted by economic commentators and the measure is of a scale which can be reasonably anticipated to produce effects across the entire Czech Republic’s economy. The Czech Republic’s authorities indicated in particular that due to the COVID19 outbreak, the Czech authorities had to prohibit the organisation of sport events, which constitutes the main source of income for many profit and non-profit entities in the field of sport. The prohibition of these events was put in place in spring 2020 and, after a temporary pause during the summer period, has continued as from 5 October 2020. Furthermore, the measures have been designed to meet the requirements of a specific category of aid (“*Limited amounts of aid*”) described in section 3.1 of the Temporary Framework.
- (37) The Commission accordingly considers that the measures are necessary, appropriate and proportionate to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State and meet all the conditions of the Temporary Framework. In particular:
- The aid takes the form of direct grants (recital (6)).
- The overall nominal value of the direct grants shall not exceed EUR 800 000 per undertaking; all figures used must be gross, that is, before any deduction of tax or other charges. The measure therefore complies with point 22(a) of the Temporary Framework;

- Aid is granted under the measures on the basis of two schemes with an estimated budget as indicated in recitals (10) and (11). The measures therefore comply with point 22(b) of the Temporary Framework;
 - Aid may not be granted under the measures to medium¹⁸ and large enterprises that were already in difficulty on 31 December 2019 (see recital (17)). The measures therefore comply with point 22(c) of the Temporary Framework. Aid may be granted to micro and small enterprises that were in difficulty on 31 December 2019, if those enterprises, at the moment of granting the aid, are not subject to collective insolvency procedure under national law and they have not received rescue aid¹⁹ or restructuring aid²⁰ (see recital (17)). The measures therefore comply with point 22(c)bis of the Temporary Framework;
 - Aid will be granted under the measures no later than 30 June 2021. The measures therefore comply with point 22(d) of the Temporary Framework;
- (38) The Czech Republic's authorities confirm that the monitoring and reporting rules laid down in section 4 of the Temporary Framework will be respected (recital (25)). The Czech Republic's authorities further confirm that the aid under the measure may only be cumulated with other aid, provided the specific provisions in the sections of the Temporary Framework are respected and the cumulation rules of the relevant Regulations are respected (recital (22)).
- (39) The Commission therefore considers that the measures are necessary, appropriate and proportionate to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State pursuant to Article 107(3)(b) TFEU since they meet all the relevant conditions of the Temporary Framework.

¹⁸ As defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1.

¹⁹ Alternatively, if they have received rescue aid, they have reimbursed the loan or terminated the guarantee at the moment of granting of the aid under the notified measure.

²⁰ Alternatively, if they have received restructuring aid, they are no longer subject to a restructuring plan at the moment of granting of the aid under the notified measure.

4. CONCLUSION

The Commission has accordingly decided not to raise objections to the aid on the grounds that it is compatible with the internal market pursuant to Article 107(3)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The decision is based on non-confidential information and is therefore published in full on the Internet site: <http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm>.

Yours faithfully,

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