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**Extraordinary inspection action "Alcohol, Drugs and Youth 2025" again revealed the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to juveniles**

(Prague, 8 October 2025) **The Czech Trade Inspection Authority has evaluated the extraordinary inspection action "Alcohol, Drugs and Youth 2025". In cooperation with other state administration, local government and public health protection authorities, it carried out a total of 463 inspections and found infringements of legal regulations in 226 inspections.   
The inspection action used invited persons under the age of 18 in 432 investigations.   
In 197 cases, alcohol was sold or served to juveniles.**

The inspections, focused on compliance with legal regulations governing the offer, sale and serving of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, smoking aids, herbal products intended for smoking, electronic cigarettes, nicotine sachets without tobacco content and products containing nicotine to persons under 18 years of age, were carried out **from 15 June to 15 September 2025**. In total, the Czech Trade Inspection Authority carried out 463 inspections. Violations of legal regulations were found in 226 inspections, i.e. in more than half of the inspected establishments (51.26 %). **The most serious finding was the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages to persons under 18 years of age**, which was detected **in 197 cases** in the monitored period.

**In 257 cases, Act No.65/2017 Coll., on the Protection of Health against the Harmful Effects   
of Addictive Substances, was violated, namely:**

* **in 197 cases, the prohibition to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to a person   
  under 18 years of age** (§ 11(5)),
* in 24 cases, the seller of alcoholic beverages did not display the text of the prohibition on the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under 18 years of age in a manner clearly visible to consumers, or the text was not in the form prescribed by law, i.e. in the Czech language, in black letters on a white background with a letter size of at least 2 cm (§ 13(1)),
* in 16 cases, sellers of tobacco products, smoking aids, herbal smoking products, electronic cigarettes, nicotine sachets without tobacco content and products containing nicotine did not display the text on the prohibition of the sale of these goods to persons under 18 years of age in a manner clearly visible to consumers at the point of sale, or the text was not in the form prescribed by law, i.e. in the Czech language, in black letters on a white background with a letter size of at least 2 cm (§ 5(2)),
* **in 10 cases, the persons selling or serving alcoholic beverages themselves did not meet the mandatory minimum age of 18 (§ 13(2)),**
* in 9 cases, violations of Section 3(4) were found, where **in 8 cases sellers violated the ban on selling or giving tobacco products, herbal products intended for smoking, electronic cigarettes, nicotine bags without tobacco content and products containing nicotine to a person under 18 years of age**, and in 1 case the seller violated the ban on selling smoking aids to a person under 18 years of age,
* in 1 case, a violation of Section 5(1) was detected, where the seller did not offer tobacco products, smoking aids, herbal products intended for smoking, electronic cigarettes, nicotine sachets without tobacco content or products containing nicotine in a separate place from the rest of the offered range of goods.

Violations of Act No. 307/2013 Coll., on compulsory labelling of alcohol and Act No. 353/2003 Coll., on excise duties were not detected in the monitored period.

The majority of the inspections were carried out with the participation of other state and local authorities and market surveillance authorities: 407 inspections were carried out with the participation of the Police of the Czech Republic, 75 inspections were carried out with the participation of the Regional Sanitary Stations, 72 inspections were carried out in cooperation with the Customs Administration, 11 inspections with the participation of the Foreigners Police, 9 inspections with the participation of the Municipal Police, 7 inspections with the participation of the Trade Licensing Office, 6 inspections with the participation of the State Labour Inspection Office, 4 inspections with the participation of the Fire Rescue Service and 2 inspections with the participation of the Criminal Police and Investigation Service. In some inspections, several supervisory authorities cooperated simultaneously.

On the basis of the detected infringements of legal regulations within the supervisory competence of the Czech Trade Inspection Authority, **23 fines in the total amount of CZK 491,500** came into force during the audit period. **Other detected violations will be dealt with in the framework of subsequent administrative proceedings.**

The extraordinary inspection action **"Alcohol, Drugs and Youth 2025" has shown that alcoholic beverages or other addictive substances are easily accessible to persons under 18 in the domestic market network.** The prevention and protection of the health of minors is a society-wide concern and the Czech Trade Inspection Authority will further develop its inspection activities in this area.