UPDATE: HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FURTHER EXTENDS SOME PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PHASES-OUT OTHERS

On 7 April 2021 the Hungarian Government issued Government Decree No. 166/2021 (IV.7.) on the extension of most of the current protective measures until 19 April 2021 (See our earlier Newsletters:

* Hungarian Government introduces new lockdown restrictions in response to the ‘third wave’,
* The Hungarian Government extends state of emergency and introduces new restrictions in this regard).

However, with the administration of the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to 2.5 million residents, Government Decree No. 144/2021 (III.27.) on the first stage in the phasing out of protection measures (“Government Decree”) entered into force on 7 April 2021, thus this Government Decree amends the existing protective measures in the following areas with immediate effect:

- curfew period (which is loosened from the previous 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. time interval to 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.);
- premises for services requiring a personal appearance are no longer required to be kept closed;
- business premises can now open in general (with new “persons per square meter” restrictions).

For the detailed explanation of the existing rules, see our earlier Newsletter.