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1. Member States will recall that during the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) held on 12-13 July 2021, the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) delivered a presentation under Agenda Item 5.3 titled 'Resumption of Cruise Ship Sailing in the Caribbean', which included a set of minimum harmonised requirements for cruise ships entering the region, for consideration. Following discussions, the Meeting requested additional time to review the proposed requirements before making a final decision.
2. The Fourth Special Emergency Meeting of CMOs was convened on 29 July 2021, to allow further discussion on the proposed Minimum Harmonised Requirements for Cruise Ships and have consensus on its modification to suit the needs of the wider region.
3. Having further deliberated, and mindful of national peculiarities which would need to be taken into consideration in applying the Guidelines, the Fourth Special Emergency Meeting:

Agreed that the Revised Minimum Harmonised Requirements for Cruise Ships sailing to the Caribbean, including daily reporting of all syndromes to health authorities, must be adhered to, to ensure safe Cruise sailing for the protection of the population and its visitors.
4. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat is pleased to share with Member States, the Revised Cruise Ship Guidelines for ships travelling to the Caribbean during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines will serve to help prevent, detect, and manage suspected COVID-19 and other public health infections. The Guidelines are **attached** to this Savingram.
5. Member States are encouraged to adopt and/or adapt these Guidelines based on the respective national public health legislation, port health, maritime, quarantine and International Health Regulations (IHR) regulations.

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