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**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19) (PREVENTION
AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.7) RULES, 2022**

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

S.I. No. 16 of 2022

**HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(CH. 231)**

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19) (PREVENTION AND
MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.7) RULES, 2022**

The Minister in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Health Services Act (*Ch. 231*) hereby makes the following rules —

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Health Services (Covid 19)(Prevention and Management of Community Spread)(Amendment)(No.7) Rules, 2021.

2. Revocation and replacement of rule 7 of the principal Rules.

Rule 7 of the principal rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

"7. Cruise ships.

- (1) A cruise ship which is on a passenger voyage shall not be permitted to enter a port in The Bahamas (including a private stop) unless —
 - (a) captain and master of the cruise ship shall maintain a crew and passenger manifest (inclusive of vaccination status) which may be examined by the medical officer of health;
 - (b) all passengers who are twelve years and older were fully vaccinated prior to embarking on the cruise ship at the start of the voyage; and
 - (c) the health protocols, previously submitted by its cruise line to the Minister and approved by the Minister, has been complied with.

- (2) Paragraph (1)(b) shall not apply to —
 - (a) the crew, contractors and any non-revenue passenger of that cruise ship and all protocols that were previously agreed to between the Government of The Bahamas and each cruise line in relation to its crew, contractors and non-revenue passenger shall remain in effect;
 - (b) a cruise ship attempting to call at a port in an emergency, or in other exigent circumstances approved by the Government of The Bahamas;
 - (c) an unvaccinated passenger who is ineligible for the COVID 19 vaccination due to documented medical contraindications.
- (3) A person entering The Bahamas on a cruise ship, will be subjected to the testing requirements mandated by the cruise line and approved by the Minister."

3. Revocation of rule 14 of the principal Rules.

Rule 14 of the principal Rules is hereby revoked.

Made this 2nd day of March, 2022.

Signed
MICHAEL DARVILLE
Minister responsible for Public Health