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Today the Government of Canada announced a one-year ban on cruise vessels and pleasure craft in Canada which is in place until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Port of Sydney has been working with The Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) Cruise Committee which has launched a historic initiative that brings together port authorities, regional associations, and other cruise ports from across Canada. The purpose of the ACPA Cruise Committee is to engage as one voice in meaningful dialogue for the restart of Canada's cruise operations.

As such, we are working closely with Transport Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada to develop and adopt consistent safety protocols to protect Canadians and visitors alike. We support the government's efforts and are working hard to do our part.

We are optimistic that, when the time is right and it is safe to do so, cruise will be back. We look forward to welcoming cruise lines, their guests, and crew back soon to Cape Breton Island as well as the economic benefit they generate for local communities.

For complete news release, please visit

<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-one-year-ban-for-pleasure-craft-and-cruise-vessels.html>