



**COMPANY STATEMENT
For Immediate Release**

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SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (“SARS”)

Star Cruises is presently closely monitoring the severe acute respiratory syndrome (“SARS”) cases and wishes to assure its cruise passengers that there have been no reported cases of passengers boarding its cruise ships who have been infected by SARS.

Nevertheless, Star Cruises is taking all precautionary measures within its capacity and have alerted all of its Captains, Officers, Staff and Crew onboard its ships to be aware on the potentiality of such an outbreak by closely observing symptoms related to SARS possibly demonstrated by both passengers and crew. At the present moment, there have been no changes to the itineraries of both SuperStar Leo (ex-Hong Kong) and SuperStar Virgo (ex-Singapore).

Star Cruises adopts a stringent health policy whereby all shipboard staff and crew are examined for medical fitness and issued with a medical fitness certificate. All crew have been alerted to be vigilant, and kept informed of all the symptoms associated with SARS and to report such incidences immediately. Crew has also been issued with strict guidelines on their movement while on shore during their shore leave in the countries that are affected with SARS.

All public areas onboard Star Cruises’ ships have generous space with good ventilation and aeration and passengers are not restricted to confined spaces for prolonged periods as fresh air is available all over the ship as well as on the open-space decks.

Star Cruises’ vessel are also equipped with medical doctors and facilities for passengers and crew. As a further precautionary measure, Star Cruises will be increasing its medical

staff to cope with any eventualities. There are also sufficient isolation / quarantine facilities onboard. The vessels are also prepared for any medical emergencies including helicopter evacuation. In the event of a SARS case being reported, the passenger / crew will be isolated and quarantine until the ship's arrival in the next port-of-call where the victim will be further treated at a land-based hospital.

In view of this development and with regards to passengers who wish to change their cruise holiday, Star Cruises will waive the amendment fee normally applicable to passengers who wish to change their cruise departure dates.

Passengers who are planning to postpone their departure dates may choose to cruise on any other date between now and end-September 2003, which is the conclusion of the present cruise season. The option to change departure dates is applicable for all normal and promotion-based bookings made prior. Passengers who have booked on SuperStar Leo or SuperStar Virgo may opt to change their cruise to either vessel.

However normal cancellation policies will apply to passengers who are canceling their cruise altogether.

Star Cruises' passengers are encouraged to contact Star Cruises' local offices or the respective travel agencies where the cruise booking was made for further enquiries.

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Star Cruises also works very closely with the relevant local, state and government authorities and wishes to assure cruise passengers that it is doing everything within its capacity to curb and prevent an outbreak of SARS on its ships.

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