



August 1, 2003

**MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-24-2003**

**TO : ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS**

**SUBJECT: ATYPICAL PNEUMONIA (SARS)**

A recent advisory from the World Health Organization reported that the SARS epidemic has been controlled and restrictions for travel to certain areas have been eliminated.

As a result, the ACP is suspending the special measures that were implemented for vessels arriving for transit (particularly those arriving from restricted areas) that were announced in MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-07-2003.

Effective July 31<sup>st</sup>, the designation of "ALERT ZONE", which was applied to vessels coming from restricted areas, has been eliminated and we have reverted to the application of the normal procedures contained in the Maritime Regulations for the Operations of the Panama Canal.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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