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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-12-2004

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Reminder on Tariff for Additional Pilot

The purpose of this Advisory is to remind the shipping community of the additional pilotage fees previously announced in MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-02-2002 that have been in effect since then.

Specifically, vessels arriving for transit with noted deficiencies or conditions may require the assignment of additional pilots in order for them to complete their transit. The following are some deficiencies or conditions that could require additional pilot services:

- a. Restricted visibility (excluding container vessels),
- b. Inadequate sanitary facilities,
- c. Inability to relay,
- d. Clear-channel restrictions due to cargo or ship design, and
- e. Inability to develop and maintain the minimum *full ahead* speed required to complete the transit in standard times.

The Panama Canal Authority has determined that the minimum *full ahead* speed required in order to complete the transit in standard time is 8 knots.

Any vessel that requires the assignment of additional pilots than would normally be required by a vessel of its size, will be assessed additional pilotage fees in accordance with established tariffs:

- a. Pilots assigned before transit begins..... \$2,250.00 each
- b. Pilots assigned due to late discovery of deficiency..... \$4,500.00 each

Handline vessels using transit advisors instead of pilots that are unable to complete their transit on the same day, will be assessed the charge for transit delay of \$440.00 for the additional transit advisor plus other related charges, such as launch and moorage.

Whenever owners or representatives of handline vessels request to stop in the Canal interrupting their transit, they will be assessed the charge for transit delay of \$440.00 and other related charges, such as launch and moorage. However, if a transit is interrupted due to Canal scheduling considerations, these charges will not be applied.

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