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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-53-2004

TO: All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: General Arrangement Plan and Cargo Securing Manual

As the maritime industry is aware, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) is in the process of studying a new pricing structure for containerized vessels.

In this respect, we urge that the masters of vessels have available to present to the ACP boarding officers upon arrival to the Panama Canal, a copy of the General Arrangement Plan and a complete copy of the Cargo Securing Manual (as established by IMO MSC/Circ. 745, Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual), including the container stowage section.

These documents will be taken ashore by ACP boarding officers who will issue a receipt for the same. The documents will be returned to the vessel through its local agent as soon as the revisions are completed.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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