

April 20, 2005

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-10-2005

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: General Arrangement Plan (Hard Copy and AutoCad Formats) and Cargo Securing Manual for Vessels with Container Carrying Capacity

1. The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) recently modified the toll system for vessels with the capacity to carry containers on deck. The new system, based on a toll rate per TEU, becomes effective May 1, 2005. As a result of this modification, the ACP urges masters of this type of vessels to have the following documentation available upon arrival to be presented to ACP boarding officers:

- Copy of the General Arrangement Plan.
- 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.

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

3. Advanced copies of the General Arrangement Plans may be forwarded, in AutoCad format (.dwg) or scanned (.tif), to the ACP Admeasurement Office at ACP-shipplans@pancanal.com. If the scanned file is greater than 1.5 megabytes, it may be uploaded to the following site: <ftp://mrtc-ftp:mrtc.ACP@ftp.pancanal.com/>. Confirmation of the successful uploading of the file should be forwarded to ACP-shipplans@pancanal.com. This confirmation should include the vessel's name and IMO number.

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