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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-17-2005

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Vessel Inspection/Escort Tariffs and Container information

1. The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that new tariffs have been approved for providing additional security inspections and escort services to vessels that fail to comply with the 96-hour pre-arrival notice or that submit their pre-arrival notice with wrong or missing information. These tariffs become effective October 1, 2005, and are applicable to all vessels planning to arrive at Canal waters after 2359 hours October 4, 2005. These new tariffs are oriented towards the compliance with security and operational requirements pursuant to Articles 144 and 149, ACP Regulation on Navigation in Panama Canal Waters.

2. The rates applicable to the Vessel Inspection Tariffs are as follows:

Canal Protection Inspection and Escort Tariff (ESC):

- **Small Craft Inspection Service** \$ 500.00
- **Vessel Inspection Service** \$ 8,000.00
- **Vessel Escort Service** \$ 12,000.00

3. The Canal Protection Inspection and Escort Tariff will be applied as follows:

a. A vessel inspection may be triggered due to:

- 96-hour regulations non-compliance
- Wrong or missing information in Ship Due, Crew List or Passenger List.
- Panamanian Authorities requirement

Note: Final decision on the application of these tariffs will be taken based on a risk assessment performed by ACP's Canal Protection Division.

b. An escort may be triggered at any moment after a Canal Protection Inspection, if the inspection corroborates the non-compliance with ACP security and protection regulations.

4. The ACP will continue to verify the EDCS submitted cargo declaration vs. the cargo manifest provided by the master. If discrepancies are detected, the vessel's operator and/or shipping agent will be contacted to coordinate the correction of the submitted data. This data shall be corrected within 96 hours from the time the discrepancies are detected and reported. The following information is to be verified:



- a. The total weight of cargo on board declared on the Ship Information and Quarantine declaration will be compared with the weight declared on EDCS. A percentage of tolerance and tare weights will be applied to offset differences due to diverse information origin (including departure from ports within 96 hours to Panama Canal Waters) and container weight.
- b. Total container units on board – ‘For vessels with cargo movements after boarding inspection, the Master will declare amount of containers to be loaded and discharged.’

Note: Please be advised that in the future, if the information is not corrected during the provided time period, a report will be filed to ACP-Canal Protection in order to be included in the risk assessment matrix for that vessel. This could lead into a security inspection and/or escort of the vessel during her next transit.

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