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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-29-2005

To: Steamship Agents, Owners and Operators

Subject: Access to Vessel Information through the ACP Enhanced Vessel Traffic Management System (EVTMS)

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) after review of existing information management practices and in compliance with ACP Records Management Regulations, it has been determined that access to the Enhanced Vessel Traffic Management System (EVTMS) must be modified. This regulation states, in part, that all information obtained by the ACP from its clients, suppliers, and contractors in carrying out its mission, cannot be disclosed unless prior authorization has been obtained from its clients, suppliers, and contractors.

In order to comply with the above regulation, effective immediately, all requests to anchor or to transit the Canal will carry implicit authorization to the ACP so that we may disclose, through the EVTMS System, any information provided by the vessel to steamship agents duly registered with the ACP, Panama Government Agencies providing maritime services and security, port facilities located within the Republic of Panama, and any other company providing tug and shipyard services to the above mentioned vessels within Panama Canal waters. In addition, these requests will represent authorization to the ACP to disclose the vessel's name and estimated time of arrival (ETA) to companies providing supplies to transiting vessels.

In the very near future, Panama Canal representatives will be contacting EVTMS users for the endorsement of their contracts.

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