

September 14, 2006

**MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-28-2006**

**TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators**

**SUBJECT: Locks Lane Outage and Temporary Reduction in the Number of Available Transit Booking Slots**

Beginning Tuesday, September 19, from 0500 hours through Monday, September 30, 2006, at 1800 hours, tow track rehabilitation work will be performed on the **EAST** Lane at Gatun Locks. During this rehabilitation work, lockages on the **EAST** lane will have certain restrictions. In addition, on September 22, 24, 25 and 28, outages will be required from 1900 through 0500 (10 hours).

As a result of this maintenance work, and the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (MR's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2006), a reduction in the number of available booking slots will be in effect beginning at 0001 hours, September 19, 2006 through 2359 hours, September 30, 2006. During this period, the number of booking slots will be reduced to thirteen (13) for supers and six (6) for regulars. The number of slots per direction and restriction will be limited, as follows:

- No more than eight (8) supers may be booked for transit in the southbound direction, and of these, no more than six (6) with "full daylight-hour" restriction. Similarly, no more than seven (7) supers may be booked for transit in the northbound direction, and of these, no more than five (5) with "full daylight-hour" restriction.
- The total number of "full daylight-hour" restricted supers shall not exceed eight (8) vessels per day.
- No more than four (4) regular vessels may be booked for transit in the same direction.
- Of the six slots available for regular vessels, no more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Applications for reserved transits under these conditions will be received beginning at 0900 hours, September 16, 2006.

The booking slot available through the auction process will continue to be offered in addition to the above-mentioned booking slots.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on September 30, 2006.

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