

August 14, 2008

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-22-2008

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT: CULVERT MAINTENANCE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY
TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Beginning Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 1500 hours through Tuesday, August 27, 2008, at 1500 hours, the **EAST** sidewall culvert of Miraflores Locks will be out of service for repair of six, and replacement of six rising stem valves. Therefore, lockages on the East lane will take longer than normal since the lane will receive single culvert during the filling and spilling operation.

As a result, and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System [OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2008 (Rev. 1)], **Condition 1.a** will be in effect from **August 19, 2008** through **August 27, 2008**.

The number of slots per direction and restriction will be 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 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 (6) slots available for regular vessels, no more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Applications for reserved transits under the above-mentioned condition will be received commencing 0900 hours August 16, 2008. The booking slot available through the Auction Process, as well as the slots available to regular vessels less than 300 feet in length, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on August 31, 2008.

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