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**OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-25-2008**

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

**SUBJECT: Additional Option to ACP Electronic Data Collection System (EDCS)**

The Electronic Data Collection System (EDCS) has been modified to allow its customers to submit pre-arrival information using the BayPlan/Stowage Plan and Empty Location message (BAPLIE), in addition to the cargo declaration through EDCS-CIG and EDCS-WEB. BAPLIE submissions are only accepted from the vessel's visit principal operator (transit to the account of), and will not accept submissions from vessel's cargo Alliance Members.

Accredited customers interested in using this method for submitting pre-arrival information are encouraged to initiate the accreditation and validation process with ACP by forwarding requests to [EDCS-Cig@pancanal.com](mailto:EDCS-Cig@pancanal.com).

The following additional modifications will be in effect:

- The SERVICE NAME and SERVICE CODE fields are available in the SHIP DUE for Full Container Vessels.
- A new field called VOYAGE NUMBER has been included into the ETA/SHIP DUE as optional.
- The SWAP, SUBSTITUTION and CHANGE IN TRANSIT DATE options for booked vessels.  
Note: These options are only available to vessels that have been booked through EDCS.
- The harmonized code and harmonized descriptions tables have been included in order to declare non-dangerous last cargo information.
- Submission of dangerous cargo information for visits of small crafts, when required.

Please be reminded that Article 30 of the ACP Regulation on Navigation in Panama Canal waters requires that vessels intending to arrive at Panama Canal waters shall declare all cargo carried on board at least 96 hours prior to their arrival. Updates are permitted within the 96 hours or when requested by ACP officials. Failure to provide accurate and timely information may result in delay of transit, the assignment of additional resources and/or the escorting of the vessel, as well as possible fines.

You may contact [support@pancanal.com](mailto:support@pancanal.com) for further inquiries regarding this advisory.

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