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OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-09-2010

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Requirement for Full Container Vessels to submit their BAPLIE file as part of their required Pre-Arrival Information

Effective July 1, 2010, all full container vessels arriving at Panama Canal waters for transit will be required to submit their BAPLIE file (Bayplan/stowage plan occupied and empty locations message) prior to arrival, in addition to the cargo declaration.

Additionally, full container vessels docking at any port located at the terminal ends of the Panama Canal prior to transiting the Canal, are required to provide an updated BAPLIE file no later than four hours after departing the dock. This includes the port of Balboa, Cristobal and Manzanillo.

The ACP's Electronic Data Collection System (EDCS) has been modified to accept the upload of BAPLIE EDI type files, from the principal operator and/or the local ship agency responsible for the vessel's visit. Additional information is available under "BAPLIE Web Upload Process" at the following web address: <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/maritime/edcs/index.html>. Difficulties with the EDCS should be reported to support@pancanal.com.

The BAPLIE documentation is a vital element in determining the number of loaded and empty containers carried onboard a vessel at the time of transit. Failure to submit the BAPLIE file within the required timeframe or submission of inaccurate information may result in additional charges, possible fines and/or transit delays.

Questions or comments regarding BAPLIE may be sent to baplie@pancanal.com.

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