

September 16, 2010

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-16-2010

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL MAINTENANCE OUTAGE AND TRANSIT  
RESERVATION SYSTEM

Beginning Monday, September 20, 2010, at 0600 hours through Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at 2200 hours, the WEST sidewall culvert of Gatun Locks will be out of service for the rehabilitation of rising stem valves and other maintenance work. Although both lanes will remain in service, a single culvert will be provided during filling and spilling operations. Therefore, all lockages at Gatun Locks are expected to take longer than usual. In preparation for this outage, the WEST lane will be closed for an eight hour period prior to the culvert outage, from 2200 hours Sunday, September 19, 2010 to 0600 hours Monday, September 20, 2010 and an eight hour period after the culvert outage, from 2200 hours Wednesday, September 29, 2010 to 0600 hours Thursday, September 30, 2010.

In addition, on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 2200 hours until Friday, September 24, 2010 at 1500 hours, the WEST lane at Miraflores Locks will closed for maintenance work on Miter Gate #123.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2010), **Condition 1.a** will be in effect from September 20, 2010 through September 22, 2010 and from September 25, 2010 through September 29, 2010; and **Condition 2** will be in effect on September 23 and 24, 2010.

Receipt of applications for reserved transits under Condition 1.a will commence on September 17, 2010 at 0900 hours; and for reserved transits under Condition 2, on September 20, 2010 at 0900 hours. The booking slot available through the Auction Process, as well as the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in length, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on September 30, 2010.

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