

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ  
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-06-2011**

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**TO :** All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** Additional information regarding the declaration of loaded containers through BAPLIE files

Effective immediately, the second paragraph in Advisory to Shipping No. A-21-2010 is amended as follows:

Full container vessels, in a loaded or ballast condition, docking prior to transit at any pier in ports located at the terminal ends of the Panama Canal (Balboa, Cristobal, or Manzanillo Bay), shall submit their BAPLIE file after departing such dock but before arriving at the last set of locks. Additionally, vessels intending to transit coming from Manzanillo Bay shall report to Cristobal Signal Station their position as they pass the Manzanillo Breakwater entrance on an inbound and on an outbound course.

In addition, the following information is hereby provided for further clarification:

- a. Ports outside Panama Canal waters, such as those in Manzanillo Bay, shall be declared in the list of the "10 last ports of call" included in the Electronic Data Collection System (EDCS) SHIP DUE module, as well as in Form 4398 (Ship Information and Quarantine Declaration).
- b. All full container vessels arriving at Panama Canal waters in a ballast condition for transit only will be required to submit their BAPLIE file prior to arrival, in addition to the cargo declaration.
- c. Vessels unable to submit their BAPLIE within the required time may inform about their problem using the hot line (507) 272-4599 (available 24 hours a day), in addition to sending a report by e-mail to OPTC-A@pancanal.com. All communication through this hot line is recorded for audit purposes.
- d. Container Summary form (#4510 Rev 3-Mar-11) has been updated. Please find this revision at the following web link: <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/op/forms.html>
- e. Shipping Agents, Owners and Operators shall regularly provide the ACP with updates of the e-mail addresses where non-compliance notifications are to be sent.

For additional information regarding this subject, please refer to Advisory to Shipping No. A-21-2010. Inquiries may be forwarded to [op-information@pancanal.com](mailto:op-information@pancanal.com) or you may call (507) 272-4261.

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