

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-23-2011

December 1, 2011

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: SUBMITAL OF SHIP PLANS AND CERTIFICATES IN ADVANCE

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) reminds all customers that vessels transiting the Panama Canal for the first time must submit drawings and certificates in advance, in order to verify compliance with ACP Vessel Requirements.

These vessels shall present the following documents:

- Copy of the International Tonnage Certificate (1969) and/or PC/UMS Documentation of Total Volume
- Breakdown of the total volume (calculations sheets)
- Ship Particulars
- Pilot Card
- International Load Line Certificate
- Suez Tonnage Certificate (if available)
- Classification Certificate.

These vessels shall also present the following plans and documents:

- General Arrangement Plan
- Capacity Plan with deadweight scale
- Lines Plan (or offset table, if Lines plan not available)
- Midship Section Plan (or Shell Expansion and bilge radius information, if Midship Plan not available)
- Cargo Securing Manual (if vessel is designed to carry containers, the containers section shall be provided)
- Visibility Plan (diagram)
- Container stowage Plan (if applicable)

Advance copies of plans/drawings and certificates may be forwarded in AutoCAD format or PDF files (preferably original files from the shipyard) to ACP-Shipplans@pancanal.com.

For vessels transiting the Panama Canal for the first time that do not have plans available in PDF format, the current procedure for delivering the plans and other documents remains valid. For more information, please refer to Paragraph 2.1(7) of OP Notice to Shipping N-1-2011 (Vessel Requirements).

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