



**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS**

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Extension of the Trial Period and Modification of the Procedure for the Just-in-Time Transit Service (JIT)

The purpose of this advisory is to inform all concerned that the trial period for the Just-in-Time Transit Service (JIT), that was announced in Advisory to Shipping A-03-2013, is extended until further notice. In order to provide greater flexibility and expand the service to more vessels, modifications to the existing procedure are being implemented as noted below.

Effective April 2, 2013, non-booked vessels may request to participate in the JIT service; however, participation will be confirmed after securing a booking slot for that specific transit date. If the booking slot is not obtained, the vessel will not be allowed to participate in the JIT service.

The selection procedure published in Advisory to Shipping A-03-2013 for “supers” (vessels with beams of 27.74 meters or 91 feet and over) that submit their request at least 96 hours prior to the proposed transit date will remain as announced, with the exception that vessels securing a booking slot prior to submitting their request for participation in the JIT service will have priority over non-booked vessels for tie-breaking purposes.

Vessels may submit their request to participate in the JIT service less than 96 hours prior to their intended transit date, but no later than 1100 hours on the closing date of the 3rd booking period. The allocation of these slots will be based in the order the requests were received.

Finally, two (2) JIT service slots per day will be offered to “regulars” (vessels under 27.74 meters or 91 feet in beam) without transit restrictions, with a maximum of one (1) JIT service slot per direction. The allocation of these JIT service slots will be determined by the order the requests were received.

During the trial period the JIT service will be offered at no additional cost to the vessel.

The ACP will not be liable for any loss or damage that may arise from the client’s participation in the JIT service trial. However, this does not refer to damages resulting from navigation in the Panama Canal in accordance with the Panama Canal Authority Organic Law and its regulations.

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The ACP reserves the right to suspend this trial period, in whole or in part, and for an indefinite period of time, for operational or other reasons. Vessels that were confirmed a JIT service slot prior to a suspension of the service will retain their slot.

All other terms and conditions announced in Advisory to Shipping A-03-2013 remain unchanged.

Your comments and suggestions regarding this service are highly appreciated and may be submitted via e-mail to JITtrials@pancanal.com.

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