

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

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-17-2013

July 4, 2013

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: **Scheduled Panama Canal Locks Maintenance And The Transit Reservation System**

Beginning Monday, July 8, 2013, at 1600 hours, through Friday, July 19, 2013, at 1600 hours, the **centerwall culvert** at Miraflores Locks will be out of service for repairs to rising stem valves, replacement of cylindrical valves, and other maintenance work. Although both lanes will remain in service, single culvert filling and spilling will be provided and, consequently, all lockages at Miraflores will take longer than usual.

In order to maximize on the culvert outage at Miraflores Locks, one lane at Pedro Miguel Locks will be closed for **miter gate** maintenance work beginning at 0001 hours to 2000 hours on July 10, 12, 16 and 18, 2013.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2013), **Conditions 1.a** and **2** will be in effect for the dates as per the following table:

Condition 1.a	Condition 2
July 9	July 10
July 11	July 12
July 13 through 15	July 16
July 17	July 18
July 19	

Applications for reserved transits while the above-mentioned conditions are in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours three days prior to the respective dates of the conditions. The *Just-In-Time* transit slots available for supers will be reduced during this period to one (1) per direction, and the JIT slots available for regular vessels transiting without restrictions will remain at one (1) per direction. The booking slot available through the Auction Process, as well as the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in LOA, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on August 31, 2013.

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