

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

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Pilot Accommodations on board Vessels Transiting the Panama Canal

It has been brought to our attention the reluctance of some masters to provide adequate accommodations to Panama Canal pilots while transiting their vessels.

It is greatly appreciated that pilots required to stay on board while not actually engaged in the duties of piloting be provided with a cabin that is clean, serviceable, darkened and equivalent to an officer's cabin. These cabins should have a private working toilet facility. However, the use of a ship's hospital or a cabin that belongs to a member of the crew is not acceptable.

Although a great majority of the vessels transiting the Panama Canal comply with this, we kindly request that shipping agents, owners and operators disseminate this information to the masters of transiting vessels.

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