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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Use of Information provided by the Enhanced Vessel Traffic Management System (EVTMS)

The Panama Canal Authority values its customers' needs and strives to maintain open communication at all times. At this time we would like to remind our customers of the importance of the proper use of the information provided through the Enhanced Vessel Traffic Management System (EVTMS).

Clause 9 of the contract granting access to the EVTMS states that improper use of information provided in this system may pose a security threat to transiting vessels. In addition, Clause 10 of the contract states that inadequate use of information will be considered as non-compliance on the part of the customer and may result in grounds for termination of the contract to access EVTMS information. The Panama Canal Authority reserves the right to monitor and verify proper use of EVTMS information, as well as modify information content when deemed appropriate.

We trust that all subscribers with contracts to access EVTMS information will implement the necessary measures to ensure the proper use of the information they receive. The Panama Canal is committed to promoting a beneficial relationship with our customers and to continue offering the best possible service in the years to come.

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