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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Permanent Implementation and Modifications to the Transit Reservation System of the *Just-in-Time* Transit Service for Booked Vessels

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that effective Thursday, January 2, 2014 the *Just-in-Time* (JIT) transit service is being implemented permanently at no additional cost. Vessels interested in the JIT transit service may now indicate their preferred arrival time (for vessels ready to transit on arrival) in the “*Request for Transit Booking Form*” during any booking period. The time approved by the ACP will become the vessel’s required arrival time. The ACP will attempt to honor the requested arrival time; however, this may not always be possible.

Booking cancellations for vessels who have been awarded a JIT service will be based on an arrival time of 0200 hours for *supers* (91 feet in beam or over) and *regular* vessels transiting under restrictions; or an arrival time of 1400 hours for *regular* vessels transiting without restrictions.

Booked vessels who have been awarded a JIT service, but fail to arrive by their confirmed arrival time, may request to transit on the day of their booking when re-scheduling is possible, as long as it does not adversely affect the schedule. This will be subject to the payment of an additional fee, which will be 50% of their regular booking fee. The actual arrival time is determined when the vessel passes the Sea Buoy at either of the entrances of the Canal.

The following modifications will be effective on January 2, 2014:

- Elimination of the “sealed bid” option (Tariff Item No. 1050.0710).
- Change in the Daylight Transit tariff (Item No. 1050.0247) from 60 days to three (3) days in advance of the booking date for a guaranteed daylight transit. Requests submitted with less than three days from the booking date will be assessed Tariff Item No. 1050.0248. Confirmation of the daylight transit service will be made immediately.
- Change in the fee to be applied for the *same-day transit* option due to late arrival for vessels who have been awarded a booking slot through the auction process. The late arrival fee will be the corresponding percentage of the reservation fee based on dimensions instead of a percentage of the amount awarded through the auction.

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