

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

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-05-2014

March 14, 2014

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

Beginning Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 0600 hours, through Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 2200 hours, the **sidewall culvert** on the **West lane** of Gatun Locks will be out of service. This outage is required for repairs to the cutwater of the rising stem valves 242 and 243.

In preparation for this outage, the **West lane** of Gatun Locks will be closed for eight (8) hours, from approximately 2200 hours on Monday, March 17, 2014, to 0600 hours on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 for the installation of bulkheads. After the culvert maintenance work is completed, the **West lane** of Gatun Locks will again be closed for eight (8) hours, from approximately 2200 hours on Thursday, March 27, 2014, to 0600 hours on Friday, March 28, 2014 for the removal of bulkheads.

During the sidewall culvert repair period, Gatun Locks will operate with a single culvert on the West lane. Consequently, all lockages in this lane will take longer than usual.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2014), **Condition 1.a** will be in effect from March 18, 2014, until March 27, 2014.

Applications for reserved transits while **Condition 1.a** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The booking slot available through the Auction Process and the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in length, as well as the Just-in-Time Transit service, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on March 31, 2014.

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