

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

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Update on PCSOPEP Non-Compliance Notification and Sanctions Acceptance Procedure

PCSOPEP Non-Compliance Notification:

The Panama Canal Authority's EVTMS system is sending alerts to agents regarding the status of vessels' PCSOPEP requirements to help avoid sanctions to those vessels that do not have a current Notice of Acknowledgement (NOA) certificate but meet one of the following criteria:

- NOA expired
- Vessel has PCSOPEP Non-Compliance Form from last visit
- Vessel has never been issued a NOA certificate

These alerts are automatically generated at 168, 120 and 97 hours prior to the arrival of the vessels. We kindly ask that agents not forward these alerts to the vessels. If you are unsure whether your vessel has a valid plan, please contact us.

“If you have already submitted a plan, please disregard this notice. If you would like confirmation that your plan has been received, please contact PCSOPEP personnel at 507-276-4635 or pcsopep@pancanal.com.”

Sanction Acceptance Procedure:

As a result of an evaluation of the sanction acceptance process by the shipping agent for non-compliance with PCSOPEP regulations, there has been a change in the actions required by the agent.

Upon official receipt of the PCSOPEP Non-Compliance Form, shipping agents must submit an original Letter of Guarantee, first or second offense, to the Vice-Presidency for General Counsel (Administration Building, Room 338) no later than the next working day following this notification. This letter must be signed by a representative of the shipping agency and accompanied with a copy of their personal identification card (cédula). The corresponding Letter of Guarantee may be accessed at www.pancanal.com.

First Offense (<http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/forms/pcsopep-offense-01.doc>)

Second Offense (<http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/forms/pcsopep-offense-02.doc>)

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Specific instructions for wire transfers or ACH payments are available on the PCSOPEP Non-Compliance Form.

We appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you in the years ahead.

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