

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-12-2014

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Requirement for Pilot Platforms and Shelters on Vessels 700 feet (213.36 m) in length and over

ACP Navigation Regulations, Article 64 and its Annex, state that vessels with a length of 900 feet (274.32 m) overall or more, must provide suitable platforms and shelters for assisting pilots.

Please be advised that under current operating practices, vessels with a length of 700 feet (213.36 m) overall or more, and a beam 100 feet (30.48 m) or more, not in compliance with Panama Canal visibility requirements, are assigned an additional assisting pilot for the transit.

Therefore, vessels with a length of 900 feet (274.32m) overall or more, and vessels with a length of 700 feet (213.36 m) overall or more, and a beam 100 feet (30.48 m) or more not in compliance with Panama Canal visibility requirements, must be equipped with pilot platforms and shelters.

Specific dimensions and characteristics of these shelters and platforms can be found in OP NOTICE TO SHIPPING No. N-1-2014 (Revision 1) "Vessel Requirements", Section 3, "Requirement for Pilot Platforms and Shelters on Certain Vessels."

Further inquiries regarding this subject may be directed to the Transit Operations Division Executive Manager.

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