

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-21-2014

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Modifications to the *Just-in-Time (JIT) Transit Service*

In an effort to increase flexibility of the *Just-in-Time (JIT) Transit Service*, effective September 6, 2014, the arrival time for vessels that have been awarded a **JIT** Transit Service will be determined based on the conditions listed below, and not the time the vessel arrives at the sea buoy at either terminal of the Canal.

In this regard, for booking purposes, vessels will be deemed to have “*arrived*” at either Canal terminal when radio contact has been established between the vessel and the respective Panama Canal Signal Station, and:

- The vessel has been visually sighted by the signal station; or
- the vessel has been identified on ACP radars by location, speed and course at a distance of not more than eight nautical miles (13.6 kilometers) from the sea buoy.

At the time the vessel is sighted, specific instructions will be provided by the ACP Signal Station regarding the vessel’s arrival at the sea buoy and breakwater time (if southbound), based on the pilot boarding time.

It is imperative that vessels comply with the instructions provided by the ACP Signal Station in order to maintain their reservation and avoid transit delays or application of additional fees due to late arrival.

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