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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Temporary Reduction in the Number of JIT Transit Slots

The Panama Canal has experienced an unusual increase in the number of vessels awaiting transit during the past few weeks. Several measures have been implemented to reduce the backlog, such as the suspension of all maintenance work and the addition of locks personnel.

In order to increase scheduling flexibility, effective immediately and until further notice, the number of **JIT** transit slots for “supers” (vessels 91’ beam and over) will be reduced to one (1) per direction. Vessels that have previously been confirmed a JIT transit slot will be honored.

The Canal is closely monitoring the current situation and will implement further measures as deemed necessary to reduce the backlog.

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