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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Suspension of Previously Announced Draft Restriction

As a follow up to Advisory to Shipping A-26-2015, the Panama Canal Authority is hereby announcing the suspension of the first draft restriction that was scheduled to go into effect September 8, 2015, as announced in Advisory to Shipping A-24-2015.

Although the level of Gatun Lake is still well below normal levels for this time of the year, and the “El Niño” phenomenon is still present in our region, the amount of rainfall received in the Canal watershed during the last few days, in addition to the water conservation measures implemented, has made it possible for the Panama Canal to suspend the announced restriction. Therefore, and until further notice, vessels will continue to be allowed to transit at their maximum Panama Canal approved draft up to 12.04 meters (39.5 feet) TFW.

Be advised that draft restrictions may again be necessary should weather conditions change and the level of Gatun Lake begins to fall, in which case, the restriction will be announced with at least 4 weeks advance notice.

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