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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Modification to BAPLIE File Requirements for Full Container Vessels

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) remains committed to offer the best possible service to the shipping community and, in an effort to satisfy its customers' needs and provide greater flexibility, hereby modifies the BAPLIE file reception rules as follows:

- Full container vessels arriving only for transit with cargo and/or empty containers are required to **submit a BAPLIE file prior to 0700 hours the day following the transit date**. The transit date is the date of the vessel's arrival at the first set of locks. Vessels that fail to comply with this requirement will be considered non-compliant with BAPLIE file requirements and, as a result, the variable portion of the tolls invoice will be based on full capacity.
- If, prior to transit, the vessel is working cargo in ports at the terminal ends of the Canal (Balboa, Cristobal or Manzanillo Bay), the following files shall be submitted after cargo operation, but prior to 0700 hours the day following the transit date:
 - The BAPLIE file generated after cargo operation.
 - An updated Container Summary (Form 4510).
- Extensions to the 0700 hour deadline may be requested by the vessel's local agency to the Panama Canal Admeasurement Unit Supervisor at optc-as@pancanal.com, as follows:
 - If received prior to 0830 hours the day following the transit date, a fee equivalent to 1 percent of the vessel's Total TEU Allowed (TTA) multiplied by the corresponding Toll Tariff will be incurred.
 - If received after the invoice has been generated, but before 1500 hours on the next day following its transit date, a fee equivalent to 2 percent of the Total Tolls amount (of the invoice) charged will be incurred.
- Full container vessels arriving only for local calls or those transiting in ballast condition (with no commercial cargo and/or empty containers) are not required to submit BAPLIE files. However, a detailed cargo declaration is still required at least 96 hours prior to the vessel's arrival to Canal waters.

We do appreciate your business and trust that these modifications will result in an improved service for your future transits through the Panama Canal.

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