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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Increase in the Maximum Authorized Transit Draft for the Neopanamax Locks

The recent rainfall in the Canal watershed has increased the levels of Gatun and Alhajuela Lakes considerably in the past few days. Therefore, effective immediately, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **14.94 meters (49.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW)**. Vessels arriving with drafts over 14.94 meters (49.0 feet) TFW may be allowed to transit depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. Otherwise, they will be required to trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

The **maximum authorized transit draft** is the deepest point of immersion in TFW permitted for a particular vessel in Gatun Lake. Water density of Gatun Lake is 0.9954 at 29.4°C (85°F). Vessels shall arrive at Canal waters with no list.

The ACP will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake in order to announce any future draft modifications in a timely manner.

We appreciate your continuous support.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

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