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**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** Update Regarding Escort Tug Requirements for Neopanamax Vessels due to Displacement

In response to inquiries from customers regarding tug requirements due to displacement for Neopanamax vessels transiting through Gatun Lake, the following information is provided:

- Full Container vessels transiting with displacements of 130,000 metric tons or more, and Dry Bulk carriers and Tankers with displacements of 120,000 metric tons or more, require one (1) escort tug through Gatun Lake, in addition to the standard tugs required through Gaillard Cut and at the Locks. Extraordinary Tug Services are charged under tariff item #1020.5067 of the ACP Marine Tariffs.

For your reference, ACP Marine Tariff Item #1020.5067 is available at the following link:  
<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/op/tariff/1020-0000-Rev20160620.pdf>

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