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VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS**ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-09-2019**

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Clarification on Vessel Requirements Regarding Steering Light Controls

The Panama Canal (ACP) has recently received requests for clarification concerning paragraph (3) of the requirements for Steering Lights contained in Section 4(i) of NT Notice to Shipping N-1-2019, "*Vessel Requirements*," which reads as follows:

“(3) The light required shall be capable of being illuminated and extinguished by a suitable rheostat or control switch located either on the navigation bridge or forecastle deck, or both.”

In order to clarify paragraph (3), the control or rheostat switch for the steering light shall be capable of turning the light on or off, and shall also have dimming capabilities in order to adjust the intensity of the light to different backgrounds or atmospheric conditions.

We trust this information helps to clarify any concerns regarding these requirements.

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