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VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-09-2020

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Second Update of the Maximum Authorized Draft for Neopanamax Locks

Based on present and projected levels of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that, effective April 17, 2020, the Maximum Authorized Draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **13.56 m (44.5 feet)** Tropical Fresh Water (TFW).

Vessels arriving after April 17, 2020, with drafts over **13.56 m (44.5 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 transit.

Draft adjustments will continue to be announced with at least four weeks advanced notice.

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

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