

## **Advisory to Shipping No. A-43-2020**

December 31, 2020

**TO :** All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** Modification to the Transit Reservation Booking System for Neopanamax Vessels

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that, effective 0900 hours Monday, January 4, 2021, only booking requests from Neopanamax full container and passenger vessels will be accepted during Booking Period 1. Similarly, only booking requests for Neopanamax full container, passenger, and LNG vessels will be accepted during Booking Period 1.a. Vessels from all other market segments will be able to apply for slots at the opening of Booking Period 2. This provision will remain in effect until further notice.

Booking slots that were awarded to vessels from other market segments prior to 0900 hours January 4, 2021, will be honored. Nevertheless, any Neopanamax slots for Booking Periods 1 and 1.a that are cancelled after this date will become available only to the above-mentioned vessel types.

In addition, any slot that becomes available in Booking Period 3 for Neopanamax vessels due to cancellation, change in date, early transit of a booked vessel, or any other reason, will be offered through an auction process, provided that all the slots for Neopanamax vessels, except the “conditioned slot” offered in Booking Period 2, have been awarded.

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