

May 12, 2003

**MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-11-2003 (Rev. 1)**

**TO : ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS**

**SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY NAVIGATION  
REGULATION COVERING PRE-ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION**

The following is offered to clarify MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-11-2003, "Modification of ACP Navigation Regulation Covering Pre-Arrival Notification", which informed of the Panama Canal Authority Board of Directors Agreement No. 66 of April 22, 2003 that modified Article 30, Chapter II of the Regulation on Navigation in Panama Canal Waters, increasing the pre-arrival notification period from 48 to 96 hours:

Vessels bound for the Panama Canal with a voyage time of less than 96 hours from their previous port of call are also required to submit their pre-arrival notice 96 hours prior to arrival at Panama Canal waters. This pre-arrival notification may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary.

Vessels that fail to provide their pre-arrival notification 96 hours prior to arriving at Canal waters will not be scheduled for transit ahead of vessels that have complied with this requirement or that have already been assigned pilots for transit.

This modification to the pre-arrival notification does not change or affect current notification requirements for "exceeding ACP visibility" or booking requests.

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