

April 13, 2007

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-05-2007

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT: LOCKS LANE OUTAGE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY
TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Beginning Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 2200 hours, through Friday, April 20, 2006, at 2000 hours (**approximately 2 days**), the **EAST** lane of **Gatun Locks** will be out of service. Relay operations will be conducted in the **WEST** lane. Closing the East lane of Gatun Locks is necessary in order to perform maintenance work on Miter Gate 6.

In addition, the **WEST** lane of **Pedro Miguel Locks** will be out of service from 1600 hours through 2359 hours, Wednesday, April 18, 2007 (**8 hours**), and the **EAST** lane from 0001 hours Thursday, April 19, 2007 through 0600 hours, Friday, April 20, 2007 (**30 hours**). The closing of lanes at Pedro Miguel Locks is necessary in order to perform maintenance work on the conductor slots and Miter Gates 62 and 63.

As a result of this maintenance work and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (MR's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2007), a reduction in the number of available booking slots will be in effect during this period. From 0001 hours through 2359 hours on April 18, 2007, the available slots will be reduced to thirteen (13) for supers and six (6) for regular vessels. The number of slots per direction and restriction will be limited as follows:

- No more than eight (8) supers may be booked for transit in the southbound direction, and of these, no more than six (6) with "full daylight-hour" restriction. Similarly, no more than seven (7) supers may be booked for transit in the northbound direction, and of these, no more than five (5) with "full daylight-hour" restriction.
- The total number of "full daylight-hour" restricted supers shall not exceed eight (8) vessels per day.
- No more than four (4) regular vessels may be booked for transit in the same direction.
- Of the six slots available for regular vessels, no more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Additionally, **Condition 2** will be in effect from 0001 hours, April 19, 2007 through 2359 hours, April 20, 2007. Applications for reserved transits under these conditions will be received commencing 0900 hours April 15, 2007. The booking slot available through the Auction Process will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on April 30, 2007.

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