September 30, 2009

OP’S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-17-2009

TO:    ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

SUBJECT:  EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEASURES TO ASSIST IN MITIGATING CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION

The package of temporary measures designed to reduce transit costs that were announced in OP’s Advisory to Shipping No. A-07-2009 is hereby extended until April 30, 2010.

As a reminder, masters of Full Container vessels carrying a total amount of TEUs equal to or less than 30% of the Total TEU Allowance, are responsible for presenting to the Panama Canal Boarding Officer upon arrival, ACP Form “FULL CONTAINER SUMMARY” in order to be considered for the application of the ballast rate. The FULL CONTAINER SUMMARY form is available at www.pancanal.com/eng/maritime/forms.html.

Differences between the pre-arrival TTT reported through the EDCS and the TTT presented by the master upon arrival shall not exceed 5%.

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