

November 12, 2010

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-18-2010

TO: ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF MITER GATES AT MIRAFLORES LOCKS AND THE PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM

Beginning Monday, November 15, 2010, Miraflores Locks will require four separate lane outages of approximately 16 hours each for the installation of miter gates, as indicated below:

- Monday, November 15, 2010, at 2300 hours through Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 1500 hours, the WEST lane will be closed for the removal of a temporary gate and the reinstallation of Miter Gate 123.
- Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 2300 hours through Friday, November 19, 2010, at 1500 hours, the WEST lane will be closed for the removal of a temporary gate and the reinstallation of Miter Gate 122.
- Monday, November 22, 2010, at 2300 hours through Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at 1500 hours, the EAST lane will be closed for the replacement of Miter Gate 120 with a temporary miter gate.
- Thursday, November 25, 2010, at 2300 hours through Friday, November 26, 2010, at 1500 hours, the EAST lane will be closed for the replacement of Miter Gate 121 with a temporary miter gate.

As a result, and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2010), **Condition 1.a** will be in effect on November 16, 19, 23 and 26, 2010.

The number of booking slots per direction and restriction will be as follows:

- Not more than eight (8) supers may be booked for transit in the southbound direction, and of these, not more than six (6) with "full daylight-hour" restriction. Similarly, not more than seven (7) supers may be booked for transit in the northbound direction, and of these, not more than five (5) with full daylight- hour restriction.
- Of the thirteen (13) slots available for supers, the total number of "full daylight-hour" restricted supers shall not exceed eight (8) vessels per day.
- Not more than four (4) regular vessels may be booked for transit in the same direction.
- Of the six (6) slots available for regular vessels, not more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Applications for reserved transits under **Condition 1.a.** will be received commencing 0900 hours November 13 for November 16; 0900 hours November 16 for November 19; 0900 hours

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November 20 for November 23; and 0900 hours November 23 for November 26, 2010. The booking slot available through the Auction Process, as well as the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in length, will continue to be offered during this period in addition to the regularly offered slots.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on December 31, 2010.

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