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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Increase in Maximum Allowable Draft for Neopanamax locks

Since the beginning of the 2017 rainy season, the rainfall within the Panama Canal hydrographic basin has allowed the water levels in Canal reservoirs to be gradually increased.

Based on the current and projected level of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, effective September 1, 2017, the maximum allowable draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be increased to **14.02m (46.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW)**.

Gatun Lake level projections are based on historical precipitation patterns, and should allow us to increase the draft over the next few months. Likewise, as the dry season looms in January 2018 and the lake level starts to drop, it may become necessary to adjust the maximum draft levels permitted for Neopanamax vessels in keeping with this cyclical rainfall occurrence. Future updates to the maximum allowable draft will be announced in a timely manner.

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