



**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ**  
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**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT:** Increase in the Maximum Allowable Draft for the Neopanamax Locks

The precipitation received in the Canal watershed in the final weeks of the rainy season has allowed the levels of Gatun and Alajuela Lakes to reach their maximum operating limits. Thus, effective immediately and until further notice, the maximum allowable draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks is hereby increased to **14.33 m (47.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW)**.

With the expected arrival of the dry season in the next few weeks, the lake levels will begin to decrease, and will be closely monitored in order to update the maximum allowable draft when deemed necessary.

As usual, any updates to the maximum allowable draft limits will be announced in a timely manner.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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