ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-15-2019

May 21, 2019

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Update of the Maximum Authorized Draft for Vessels Transiting the Panama Canal

As a result of the amount of rainfall in the Panama Canal watershed during the past week, the Panama Canal Authority has postponed the effective date of the sixth draft update as published in Advisory to Shipping A-13-2019. Therefore, the maximum authorized draft of 13.11 m (43.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW) for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks and 11.73 m (38.5 feet) TFW for vessels transiting the Panamax locks will become effective June 12, 2019, instead of May 28, 2019.

The maximum authorized draft allowed of 13.41 meters (44.0 feet) TFW for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks and 12.04 m (39.5 feet) TFW for vessels transiting the Panamax locks, as published in Advisory to Shipping No. A-10-2019, will continue to be in effect until June 12, 2019.

We will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake and announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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