ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-21-2019

June 14, 2019

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

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

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that the maximum authorized drafts 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, scheduled to be effective June 19, 2019 as announced in Advisory to Shipping A-19-2019, is being postponed until June 26, 2019.

Additional rainfall in the Panama Canal watershed during the past week has allowed the ACP to further postpone the effective date of the sixth draft update until June 26, 2019.

Therefore, the maximum authorized draft allowed of 13.41 m (44.0 feet) TFW for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks and 12.04m (39.5 feet) TFW for vessels transiting the Panamax locks will remain in effect until June 25, 2019.

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

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