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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Use of Drones in Operational Areas of the Panama Canal

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) is aware of the significant improvements on the design and capabilities of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones). However, due to the inherent risks posed by their utilization, and in order to safeguard the privacy, safety and security of its customers and operations, the ACP hereby announces that the utilization of drones of any kind in Panama Canal waters and operational areas, such as the locks, anchorages, navigation channels and shore installations, is restricted.

Only drones owned and operated by the Panama Canal Authority on official assignment are authorized to be operated in areas under its jurisdiction.

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