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## AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS

### ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-07-2020

March 2, 2020

**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT:** First Update of the Maximum Authorized Draft for Neopanamax Locks

Based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that, effective March 30, 2020, the Maximum Authorized Draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **13.87 m (45.5 feet)** Tropical Fresh Water (TFW).

Vessels arriving after March 30, 2020, with drafts over **13.87 m (45.5 feet)** TFW may be allowed to transit, depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. Otherwise, they will be required to trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

Draft adjustments will be announced in 6-inch (15.24 cm) increments/decrements, generally with at least four weeks advance notice.

The ACP will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake in order to announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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