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AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS

ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-27-2020

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Increase of the Maximum Authorized Draft for Neopanamax Vessels
Transiting the Panama Canal to 14.63 meters (48.0 feet) TFW

Based on present and projected levels of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that, effective July 25, 2020, the Maximum Authorized Draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **14.63 m (48.0 feet)** Tropical Fresh Water (TFW).

Vessels arriving with drafts over **14.63 m (48.0 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.

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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