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OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-30-2007

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Panama Canal Transit Reservation (Booking) System – Allocation of Booking Slots Available Due to Cancellations or Changes in Transit Dates

In response to concerns expressed by our customers regarding the procedure published in Advisory to Shipping A-24-2007 for the allocation of booking slots that become available due to cancellations, effective December 4, the procedure is hereby modified, as follows:

Booking slots that become available during the 1st or 2nd period due to cancellations or changes in booking dates will be offered first to vessels that failed to secure a slot during the tie-breaker competition for that period, followed by any subsequent rejections, in order of rejection, as long as the rejection takes place prior to the booking slot becoming available.

If there were no rejections or if none of the rejected vessels are interested, the available slot(s) will then be allocated through a “special competition,” in the following manner:

- The ACP will publish daily, by no later than 1530 hours, any slot that becomes available due to a cancellation or a change in transit date. This information will be available at: <https://sites.extranet.pancanal.com/sites/tb/default.aspx>.
- This information will be also available at our *Slot Availability Notifications* website at: <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/maritime/booking/index.html>.
- Steamship agents interested in having access to this information may send their request to edcs_registration@pancanal.com and a password will be issued.
- Requests to participate in the “special competition” will be received from 0900 to 0930 hours of the day following the date of publication; however, processing will not begin earlier than 0930 hours.
- The procedure utilized during the “special competition” for the allocation of the available slots will be the same as the procedure utilized to allocate slots during the regular tie-breaker competition.

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- Any booking request received after the cancellation or the change in transit date takes place, but before the opening of the “special competition,” will not be accepted. In order for these requests to be considered, they must be re-submitted during the “special competition” period.
- The competition list that is derived from this “special competition” will be used to allocate slots that become available in the future for that same date.
- If there are no vessels interested in the “special competition,” the slot will then become available on a *first come-first served* basis for the remainder of the period.
- If cancellations or changes in transit dates take place on the last day of a period, the slots that become available will be carried over to the following period without a “special competition.”
- All times referenced to are local times.

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