



October 3, 2008

**OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-26-2008**

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

**SUBJECT: LOCKS LANE OUTAGE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY  
TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Beginning Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 2200 hours through Friday, October 10, 2008, at 1800 hours (**approximately 2 days**), the **EAST** lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service. Carrousel operations will be conducted on the **WEST** lane. Closing the East lane of Gatun Locks is necessary in order to perform repairs on Miter Gate 13.

As a result of this work, and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System [OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2008 (Rev.1)], **Condition 2** will be in effect from October 9, 2008, through October 10, 2008. In addition, as established in Advisory to Shipping No. A-03-2008, the slots for regular vessels less than 300 feet in length will be reduced to two (2) slots, regardless of transit direction.

Applications for reserved transits under this condition will be received commencing 0900 hours October 6, 2008. The booking slots available through the Auction Process will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on October 31, 2008.

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