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

**SUBJECT: Changes in Booking Date due to Availability of Additional Slots for Neopanamax Vessels**

In order to improve operating efficiency of the new locks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announced an increase in booking slots available to neopanamax vessels during the 2<sup>nd</sup> booking periods, beginning October 10, 2016, as published in Advisory to Shipping A-51-2016.

Therefore, effective immediately, neopanamax vessels that had requested a booking slot for a particular date and were rejected due to unavailability of slots, but subsequently obtained a slot for an alternate date, will now be allowed to request a change back to the original date. This change will be permitted, subject to availability, without being assessed a cancellation fee, as long as the reservation for the alternate date was awarded prior to October 4, 2016.

Requests for date changes will be accepted, on a first-come, first-served basis, for dates where new slots are already available and will be accepted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> booking period competition for dates that have yet to be offered.

We look forward to continue serving you in the future.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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