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**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** Update on Neopanamax Vessel Requirements Regarding Pilot Portable Units (PPU)

As published in Advisory to Shipping No. A-50-2016, the Panama Canal Authority requires that all Neopanamax vessels intending to transit the Panama Canal install, no later than February 28, 2017, a USA standard (NEMA5-5-15R) 120V, AC, 3-prong power receptacle close to the designated location of the RTK antenna which is part of the Pilot Portable Unit (PPU) utilized by Panama Canal pilots.

Vessels that cannot comply with the installation of the required power receptacle outside the wheelhouse due to the nature of their cargo are exempt from this compliance; however, these vessels must provide an extension cord and an alternate access to route the extension cord from a power receptacle inside the wheelhouse to the PPU antenna on the bridge wing. This will prevent the antenna power cable from being slashed and/or ruptured by the bridge wing doors.

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