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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Reduction in the Number of Available Booking Slots to Reduce Vessel Backlog

For the past few weeks, the Panama Canal has been experiencing an unusual delay in transits for non-booked vessels. In response to the growing concerns of our customers regarding the extended waiting period currently experienced by their vessels, a temporary reduction in the number of booking slots for supers in the third period will be reduced to five (5), for a total of 15 slots. This reduction will be implemented effective January 20, 2017, and will be maintained until further notice.

Applications for reserved transits under these terms will be received commencing at 0900 hours, January 17, 2017. The booking slot available through the auction process will continue to be offered, and the limits by direction and restriction will remain unchanged.

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