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

**SUBJECT: Changes in Vessel Dimension Eligibility for the Additional Booking Slot**

The Panama Canal Authority announces changes in vessel dimensions eligible for the additional booking slot announced in Advisory to Shipping A-10-2018.

Effective October 1, 2018, this additional booking slot may be awarded to vessels that meet one of the following:

- Full container vessels with a length overall (LOA) of less than 335.28 meters (1,100 feet), beam less than 43.28 meters (142 feet), and deep draft less than 13.72 meters (45 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW), or
- Vessels with precaution designator of PD-1 or PD-2 (excluding full container vessels) with a beam of 36.58 meters (120 feet) or less, or with a length overall (LOA) of 259.08 meters (850 feet) or less, or
- Other vessel types with a length overall (LOA) of less than 304.8 meters (1,000 feet), beam of less than 41.15 meters (135 feet), and deep draft of less than 13.72 meters (45 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW).

Applications for slots under this new criteria will be received at the opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Period competition beginning at 0900 hours, September 10, 2018.

We look forward to continue serving you in the future.

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