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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-09-2014**TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators****SUBJECT: Tanker Inspection Program**

1. The Panama Canal Authority continues to inspect tankers transiting the Panama Canal as part of its Transit Vessel Inspection Program, in an effort to reduce the possibility that ACP personnel or the public in general may suffer exposure to flammable or toxic vapors emanating from these vessels. Tankers are selected for inspection based on factors such as chemical and physical properties of their cargo, historical performance during previous transits, the age of the tanker, and whether they are single or double hull. These inspections are conducted by ACP industrial hygienists/marine chemists.
2. Selected tankers are scheduled for inspection after arrival at Canal waters. The inspections are conducted primarily in the inner Atlantic anchorage, but may also be conducted in the Pacific or Gatun Anchorages. These inspections are normally scheduled between 0600 and 2000 hours, provided they do not interfere with the schedule for transit. However, a tanker that has a history of deficiencies may be kept out of schedule until it has been inspected and verified not to present a risk. The master of the vessel shall assign an officer to escort the inspectors throughout the duration of the inspection.
3. These inspections will target cargo and emission control systems, required flammable and/or toxic fixed and portable detectors, firefighting systems, and other necessary equipment for a safe transit.
4. Any deficiency found during these inspections will be reported to the master on the inspection form and must be corrected in order to continue with the transit. In the event such deficiencies cannot be corrected, authorization to continue must be given by the Canal Operations Captain or his designee. The tanker may be subject to a re-inspection to verify that proper corrective action was taken. Current sample inspection forms for chemical, oil and liquefied gas carriers are enclosed.
5. The Panama Canal requires tankers to have current tanker class certificates and certificates of fitness, as required by SOLAS and MARPOL.
6. As always, no charge will be assessed for the initial inspection, providing no deficiency is found; however, if a deficiency is found, charges will be assessed for chemist, pilot, and launch services. The official tariff is available at <http://www.pccanal.com/eng/maritime/tariff/index.html>.
7. Additional inquiries regarding this Advisory may be directed to the Transit Operations Division at telephone (+507) 272-4215 or facsimile (+507) 272-7688.

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AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE BRANCH TRANSITING TANKER INSPECTION REPORT CHEMICAL TANKER					
Vessel Name:		SIN:			
PD:	IMO:	Time:			
Location:		Requester/Unit:			
Ship's construction date:		Skin		Bottom	
		Single	Double	Single	Double
Last Port State Control Inspection		Country/Port of origin	Date	Deficiencies	
				Yes:	No:
Description of deficiencies:					
Certificates		Yes	No	Dates	
				Issued:	Expiration:
Registry					
Safe Manning					
Safety Construction					
Safety Equipment					
Safety Management (SMC)					
Class Certificate Society:					
Vessel type:		Last Drydock:		Date:	
Annual Intermediate Survey:		Country:		Date:	
Service date of the foam (fire system)		Date:			
Cargoes carried, authorized in IMO Certificate of Fitness? <small>(Unless the cargo is listed in Chapter 18 of IBC Code or Chapter 7 of BCH Code)</small>				Yes	No
Is the tanker Gas Free?					
Any cargo venting?					
Any cargo leaks?					
Do the tanker's portable flammable gas detectors operate properly?					
Required toxic gas detectors on board?					
Corrected (if deficiency was found)					
Re-inspection					
Description of inspection/recommendations:					
Inspection results notified to:		Vessel Official (rank)		ACP Canal Port Captain	
ACP Inspector: (Name)		IP No:		Date:	

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE BRANCH TRANSITING TANKER INSPECTION REPORT CRUDE OIL PRODUCT TANKER									
Vessel Name:					SIN:				
PD:1		IMO:			Time:		Requester/Unit:		
Location:					Requester/Unit:				
Ship's construction date:	Skin		Bottom		Segregated ballast tanks				
	Single	Double	Single	Double	Yes:		No:		
Last Port State Control Inspection		Country/Port of origin			Date		Deficiencies		
							Yes: No:		
Description of deficiencies:									
Certificates				Yes	No	Dates			
						Issued:	Expiration:		
Registry									
Safe Manning									
Safety Construction									
Safety Equipment									
Safety Management (SMC)									
Class Certificate Society:									
Vessel type:		Last Drydock:			Date:				
Annual Intermediate Survey:		Country:			Date:				
Service date of the foam (fire fighting system)					Date:				
General condition of Pump Room and Vent Piping						Good	Bad		
General operation condition of Pressure/Vacuum Valves									
General condition of Flame Screens of cargo tank Pressure/Vacuum Valves									
General operating condition of Fire Monitors									
Tanks randomly selected for inspection:									
Are tanks inerted?		Yes:	No:	%O ₂ :					
Do portable flammable gas detectors operate properly?						Yes	No		
Are flammable vapor leaks on deck?									
General evidence of corrosion?									
Deficiencies found corrected (if any)									
Is re-inspection necessary?									
Description of inspection deficiencies (if any):									
Inspection results notified to:		Vessel Official (rank)			ACP Canal Port Captain				
ACP Inspector: (Name)			IP No:		Date:				

AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE BRANCH TRANSITING TANKER INSPECTION REPORT LGC TANKER						
Vessel Name:		SIN:				
PD:	IMO:	Time:				
Location:		Requester/Unit:				
Ship's construction date:	Tanker Type:			Tank Type:		
	Fully pressurized	Semi pressurized	Fully refrigerated	A	B	C
Last Port State Control Inspection	Country/Port of origin	Date	Deficiencies			
			Yes:	No:		
Description of deficiencies:						
Certificates		Yes	No	Dates		
				Issued:	Expiration:	
Registry						
Safe Manning						
Safety Construction						
Safety Equipment						
Safety Management (SMC)						
Class Certificate Society:						
Vessel type:	Last Drydock:	Date:				
Annual Intermediate Survey:	Country:	Date:				
Fixed Gas Detection System last calibration			Date:			
Span Gas for cargo on board calibration			Date:			
Cargo Temperatures within normal ranges?			Yes	No		
Portable flammable gas detectors operate properly?						
Required toxic gas detectors on board?						
Are the cargo compressors operational?						
Any cargo leaks in the compressor room?						
Any cargo leaks on deck?						
Cargo Tank Safety Relief Valves seals in place?						
Cargo Tank top quick closing valves operates properly (30s max)						
Corrected (if deficiency was found)						
Re-inspection						
Test operation of the house exterior/cargo deck water spray system			Pass	Fail		
Description of inspection/recommendations:						
Inspection results notified to:		Vessel Official (rank)		ACP Canal Port Captain		
ACP Inspector: (Name)		IP No:		Date:		