



January 17, 2007

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-01-2007

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Panama Canal Transit Reservation (Booking) System – Increase in Number of Booking Slots Available for Regular Vessels

Due to an increase in arrivals of regular vessels during the month of January, and recognizing that the upcoming months are traditionally noted for high arrivals of regular vessels, the ACP will offer one additional booking slot during the 3rd period to regular (non-restricted) vessels. This additional slot will provide these vessels with a greater opportunity to receive the best level of service available at the Panama Canal.

The additional booking slot will be offered effective Sunday, January 21, 2007, until further notice. During this timeframe, a maximum of nine (9) slots will be available for regular vessels. Of those, no more than five (5) slots may be allocated to vessels transiting in the same direction.

Requests for the additional slot may be received beginning Thursday, January 18, 2007.

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