

## AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

### **ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-28-2013**

October 10, 2013

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

# SUBJECT: SCHEDULED PANAMA CANAL LOCKS MAINTENANCE AND THE TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM

Beginning Monday, October 14, 2013, three 8-10 hour outages will be scheduled at Pedro Miguel and Gatun Locks for miter gate maintenance and reinstallation.

The outages will be as follows:

- Beginning Monday, October 14, 2013, at 2200 hours, through Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 0600 hours, the West lane of Pedro Miguel Locks and the East lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service for maintenance of Miter Gates 25, 26, 52, 53 and 64, and the installation of Miter Gate 29.
- Beginning Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 2000 hours, through Friday, October 18, 2013, at 0600 hours, the East lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service for maintenance of Miter Gates 33 and 34 and the installation of Miter Gate 30. At Pedro Miguel Locks the West lane will be out of service from Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 2200 hours, through Friday, October 18, 2013, at 0600 hours, for maintenance of Miter Gates 56, 57 and 65.
- Beginning Thursday, October 31, 2013, at 2200 hours, through Friday, November 1, 2013, at 0600 hours, the West lane of Pedro Miguel Locks and the West lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service for maintenance of Miter Gates 39, 40, 64, 65 and 69.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2013), **Condition 1.a** will be in effect on October 15, October 18 and November 1, 2013.

Applications for reserved transits while the abovementioned condition is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours three days prior to the respective dates of the conditions. During this period the *Just-In-Time (JIT)* transit slots available for supers will be reduced to one (1) per direction, and the *JIT* slots available for regular vessels transiting without restrictions will remain at one (1) per direction. The booking slot available through the Auction Process, as well as the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in LOA, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on November 30, 2013.

#### **ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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