

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

## **ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-39-2016**

July 29, 2016

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Panama Canal Locks Lane Outage and the Transit Reservation System

Beginning at 2200 hours on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, until 2200 hours on Friday, August 5, 2016 (3 days), the **WEST** lane of **Miraflores Locks** will be out of service in order to perform scheduled dry chamber seals repairs on Miter Gates 102 and 103. In addition, beginning at 0001 hours, until 1200 hours on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 (12 hours), the **WEST** lane of **Pedro Miguel Locks** will be out of service in order to perform the final drive of Miter Gates 56 and 57.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2016), **Condition 2** for the Panamax locks will be in effect from Wednesday, August 3, 2016, until Friday, August 5, 2016.

Applications for reserved transits while **Condition 2** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Sunday, July 31, 2016. The *Just-in-Time* (JIT) transit slots available for supers will be reduced during this period to one for each direction, whereas the JIT slots for regular vessels transiting without restrictions will remain at one for each direction. The booking slot available through the auction process, as well as the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in LOA, and the slots for Neopanamax vessels, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on August 31, 2016.

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