

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

## **ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-21-2018**

June 6, 2018

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

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

Beginning at 2200 hours on Saturday, June 9, 2018, until 0400 hours on Thursday, June 21, 2018 (11 days), Pedro Miguel Locks centerwall culvert will be out of service for cylindrical valve and rising stem valve maintenance and culvert fissure sealing. During this period, single culvert operations for filling and spilling will be conducted on both lanes. In addition, each lane will be closed for eight hours at the beginning and at the end of the period for installation and removal of bulkheads.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2018), **Condition 1.a** for the Panamax locks will be in effect from Sunday, June 10, 2018, through Tuesday, June 20, 2018.

Applications for reserved transits while **Condition 1.a** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Monday, June 7, 2018. The *Just-In-Time* (JIT) transit slots available for supers will be reduced during this period to one per direction, whereas the JIT slots for regular vessels transiting without restrictions will remain at one 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, and the slots for Neopanamax vessels, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on June 30, 2018.

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