

Advisory to Shipping No. A-17-2021

March 15, 2021

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT : Draft Adjustment to 14.78 m (48.5 feet) TFW for the Neopanamax Locks

Based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that effective April 13, 2021, the maximum authorized draft allowed for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **14.78 m (48.5 feet) TFW**.

Vessels arriving with drafts over **14.78 m (48.5 feet) TFW** may be allowed to transit past April 13, 2021, depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. Otherwise, vessels will be required to trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

For further reference on future Gatun Lake level estimates, please refer to the following link:
<https://apps.pan canal.com/t/TI/views/GatunH2OIndicators/GatunWaterLevel?:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y>

The ACP continues to monitor the level of Gatun Lake in order to announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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