

## Advisory to Shipping No. A-25-2021

May 21, 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** Increase to the Maximum Length Overall for the Neopanamax Locks

After almost five years of successful operations of the expanded Canal, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) is pleased to announce an increase to the maximum allowable length for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks.

Effective immediately, the maximum length overall for commercial and non-commercial vessels acceptable for regular transits of the Neopanamax locks is **370.33 meters (1215 feet)**.

Vessels with maximum length overall exceeding **367.28 meters (1205 feet)** shall be equipped with a fully operational bow thruster during transit. Otherwise, they may be assigned additional resources at the vessel's expense and may experience transit delays.

Vessels with maximum length overall exceeding **367.28 meters (1205 feet)** will be assigned an additional tug to assist when making the approach into Agua Clara lock from Gatun Lake (northbound). This tugboat assistance will be charged in addition to the standard tug tariff applicable to the vessel.

We look forward to continue serving you in the future with safe and expeditious transits.

### ORIGINAL SIGNED

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