

Panama Canal Authority Vice Presidency for Operations

Advisory to Shipping No. A-05-2022

February 18, 2022

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Update to the Maximum Authorized Draft for the Neopanamax Locks

Recent rainfall in the Panama Canal watershed during the past few days has allowed the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) to postpone the implementation dates of the first draft reduction in the Neopanamax locks announced in Advisory to Shipping A-02-2022.

Based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake for the following weeks, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will remain at **15.24 m** (**50.0 feet**) **TFW** until March 8, 2022. Effective March 9, 2022, the maximum authorized draft in the Neopanamax locks will be **15.09 m** (**49.5 feet**) **TFW**.

For further reference on Gatun Lake level estimates, please refer to the following link: https://apps.pancanal.com/t/Tl/views/GatunH2OIndicators/GatunWaterLevel?:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&:embed=y

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Marcia L. de Ortega Acting Vice President for Operations