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Panama Canal Authority  
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## Advisory to Shipping No. A-18-2023

April 21, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Draft Adjustment to **13.72 m (45.0 feet)** TFW in 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 May 17, 2023, the maximum authorized draft allowed for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **13.72 m (45.0 feet) TFW**.

Vessels arriving with drafts over **13.72 m (45.0 feet)** TFW may be allowed to transit past May 17, 2023, depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. Otherwise, they will be required to trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

The ACP will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake and announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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