



Panama Canal Authority  
Vice Presidency for Operations

## Advisory To Shipping No. A-36-2023

August 4, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Reduction in the Number of Available Booking Slots for the Panamax Locks and Modifications to the Auctioned Slots in the Neopanamax Locks

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that effective August 8, 2023, Booking Condition 3 will be in effect for the Panamax Locks. Under this condition, the number of slots available for supers will be reduced to 10, and the number of slots for regulars will be reduced to 4. This condition will remain in effect until August 21, 2023. Applications while this condition is in effect will begin at 0900 hours, Saturday, August 5, 2023. The slot distribution during Booking Condition 3 will be as set forth in the Condition Table of Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2023. The special auction slots will remain at two (2) for supers and one (1) for regular vessels. The extraordinary auction for the Panamax Locks will be suspended during this period.

Additionally, for the Neopanamax Locks, the extraordinary auctions for booking dates between August 8, 2023 and August 21, 2023 will be suspended. The daily auction offered 7 days prior to transit date and the special auction will continue to be offered.

The ACP may announce additional changes to the Transit Reservation System to ensure a safe and efficient operation of the Canal.

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