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Panama Canal Authority  
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## Advisory to Shipping No. A-04-2023

February 15, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Draft Adjustment to 14.94 m (49.0 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 March 15, 2023, the maximum authorized draft allowed for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **14.94 m (49.0 feet) TFW**.

Vessels arriving with drafts over 14.94 m (49.0 feet) TFW may be allowed to transit past March 15, 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 in order to announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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