

Advisory To Shipping No. A-20-2024

June 26, 2024

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Increase in the Number of Neopanamax Booking Slots, Transit Draft Increase and the Transit Reservation System

Based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces an additional booking slot in the Neopanamax Locks during Booking Period 2 for booking dates beginning August 5, 2024. This additional slot will be offered at the opening of the Second Period Competition beginning on July 22, 2024, increasing the total number of booking slots in both the Neopanamax and Panamax Locks to 35 slots.

Furthermore, in the Neopanamax Locks for booking dates beginning on August 5, 2024, the maximum number of slots that may be allocated during all Booking Periods (excluding the conditioned slot and slots sold during Period 3) will be four in either direction.

For booking dates from July 11, 2024, one slot for the Supers category from Booking Period 3 will be transferred to Booking Period 2 and will be offered at the opening of the 2nd Period Competition on June 27, 2024.

Additionally, the recent precipitation in the Canal watershed has enabled the ACP to further increase the maximum allowable draft in the Neopanamax Locks. Therefore, effective immediately, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax Locks will be **14.33 m (47.0 feet)** and, effective July 11, 2024, the maximum authorized draft will be **14.63 m (48.0 feet)**.

The following tables summarize the slot distribution per Booking Period for the Panamax and Neopanamax Locks:

For booking dates from July 11, 2024, to July 14, 2024:

Vessel Category	Special Period	Period 1 (90 Days)	Period 1A (30-15 Days)	Period 2 (14-8 Days)	Period 3 (Auctions) (7-2 Days)	Total
Neopanamax	1	2	3	2*	1	9
Supers	3	4	N/A	10	1	18
Regulars	2	1	N/A	2	1	6
Total	6	7	3	14	3	33

*Includes the “conditioned” slot

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For booking dates from July 15, 2024, to July 21, 2024:

Vessel Category	Special Period	Period 1 (90 Days)	Period 1A (30-15 Days)	Period 2 (14-8 Days)	Period 3 (Auctions) (7-2 Days)	Total
Neopanamax	1	2	3	2*	1	9
Supers	3	5**	N/A	9	1	18
Regulars	2	1	N/A	2	1	6
Total	6	8	3	13	3	33

* Includes the “conditioned” slot

** Previously announced in Advisory A-12-2024

For booking dates from July 22, 2024, to August 4, 2024:

Vessel Category	Special Period	Period 1 (90 Days)	Period 1A (30-15 Days)	Period 2 (14-8 Days)	Period 3 (Auctions) (7-2 Days)	Total
Neopanamax	1	2	3	2*	1	9
Supers	3	5	N/A	10***	1	19
Regulars	2	1	N/A	2	1	6
Total	6	8	3	14	3	34

*Includes the “conditioned” slot

*** Previously announced in Advisory A-19-2024

For booking dates from August 5, 2024, until further notice:

Vessel Category	Special Period	Period 1 (90 Days)	Period 1A (30-15 Days)	Period 2 (14-8 Days)	Period 3 (Auctions) (7-2 Days)	Total
Neopanamax	1	2	3	3*	1	10
Supers	3	5	N/A	10	1	19
Regulars	2	1	N/A	2	1	6
Total	6	8	3	15	3	35

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For inquiries regarding these rules, please contact our Shipping Customer Service Management office at: operationservices@pancanal.com.

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