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TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: NPU - RTK

In response to several inquiries regarding the process that customers must follow after the installation of the fixed (non-portable) piloting unit with real time kinematics (RTK), the Panama Canal announces the following steps to be taken:

- a. Download Form 7579 (NPU/PPU Certificate) through the following link <https://pancanal.com/en/maritime-services/customer-forms/>. It is no longer necessary to send an email to Arqueadores@pancanal.com.
- b. Complete the required fields (only the top gray area) of the form and paste a copy of your piloting unit QR Code on the indicated space. Remaining fields are only for official Panama Canal use.
- c. Proceed to print, sign, and stamp the certificate and antenna installation diagram (if available). The Panama Canal Boarding officer will request it upon inspection to verify equipment connectivity.
- d. Always keep a copy of the certificate available for pilot use during all visits to the Panama Canal. In addition, keep in mind when announcing a visit, that it is necessary to include the following in the visit remark through the Panama Maritime Single Window (VUMPA for its Spanish acronym): NPU Completed.

The list of evaluated and approved equipment, specifications, installation guide and the frequently asked questions are available through the following web link: <https://pancanal.com/en/maritime-services/non-portable-piloting-unit/>

For inquiries or additional information regarding this advisory, please contact us at: posicionamiento@pancanal.com

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