

Panama Canal Authority Vice Presidency for Operations

Advisory To Shipping No. A-10-2024

April 9, 2024

TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Scheduled Lane Outage at Gatun Locks and Miraflores Locks and the Transit Reservation System

Beginning at 0001 hours on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, until 2359 hours on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, (8 days), a dry chamber maintenance will be performed on the West Lane of Gatun Locks. The East Lane will remain available, but lockages will take additional time. In addition, from 0001 hours on May 11, 2024, until 2359 hours on May 12, 2024, the East Lane of Miraflores Locks will also be undergoing maintenance work. Therefore, from May 7, 2024, to May 14, 2024, the number of booking slots for the Panamax locks will be reduced to 17.

VESSEL CATEGORY	SPECIAL PERIOD (730 to 366 DAYS)	PERIOD 1 (90 to 31 days Neopanamax) (90 to 15 days Panamax)	PERIOD 1.A (30 to 15 days)	PERIOD 2 (14 to 8 days)	PERIOD 3 Auctions (7 to 2 days)	TOTAL
Neopanamax	1	2	2	1	1	7
Supers	3	4	NA	5	1	17
Regulars	2		NA	1	1	17
Total	6	6	2	7	3	24

The following table shows the reduction of slots for the scheduled maintenance:

Transaction date	Booking Date	Description (Panamax locks Only)	
23-Apr-24	07-May-24	opening of P2 (14d) reduction of 1 regular slot	
30-Apr-24	07-May-24	opening of P3 (7d) reduction of 2 auction slots for supe	

Once the maintenance is complete, allowing 24 hours for unforeseeable maintenance delays, the 20 slots for the Panamax locks will be reinstated beginning May 16, 2024.

In reference to Advisory to Shipping No. A-08-2024 published on March 8, 2024, if the auction for any vessel category closes without interested vessels, this slot may be auctioned to other vessel categories. The criteria that participating vessels must meet to be awarded the slot, including the groups per market segment announced in Advisory to Shipping A-51-2023, will be notified when the auction is published.

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In reference to Advisory to Shipping A-51-2023, additional transits per day for each vessel category may be added to a particular date to fulfill the daily water consumption quota. These additional slots may be assigned to booked vessels that have already arrived at Canal waters. This measure is a temporary service subject to operational assessment, open to all vessel types based on the arrival date, therefore, it does not represent a transit advancement service.

For any inquiries regarding these rules, please contact our Customer Service office at the following email address: customerservice@pancanal.com.

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