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TO: All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Modifications to the Transit Reservation (Booking) System

Considering the effectiveness of the water saving measures implemented at the Locks and the positive impact of recent close to average precipitation levels on the Canal watershed, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) has been able to sustain the number of transits being offered at the Panamax Locks, therefore, effective immediately, we are pleased to announce the reinstalment of the Last-Minute Reservation service at the Panamax Locks. The Last-Minute Reservation service will be made available in accordance with the criteria and rules set forth in Notice to Shipping N-07 when a slot becomes available and the ACP, at its sole discretion, decides to offer such slot.

Additionally, the rules mentioned in the Notice to Shipping N-07, article 23, section 12, regarding the rules for Swaps and Substitutions between Alliance Members that were only available for Neopanamax vessels, will also be available for vessels in the Super category for booking dates beginning January 3, 2027. Please note that all other Swap and Substitution rules set forth in the N-07 remain in effect.

While the water deficit in the Canal watershed persists, the Transit Reservation (Booking) System remains the only mechanism to guarantee a transit date. Therefore, vessels without a reservation may experience extremely extensive delays.

The Canal remains committed to closely monitoring water conditions and rainfall levels and will communicate any further adjustments in a timely manner, as circumstances warrant.

For inquiries regarding these measures, please contact: operationservices@pancanal.com

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