

June 27, 2003

**MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-17-2003**

**TO : ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS**

**SUBJECT: REMINDER OF PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY NAVIGATION  
REGULATION COVERING PRE-ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION**

1. Please be reminded that, as published in MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-11-2003, effective 1 July 2003 the pre-arrival notification for vessels approaching the Panama Canal will increase from 48 to 96 hours. This requirement also applies to vessels bound for the Panama Canal with a voyage time of less than 96 hours from their previous port of call.
2. Vessels that fail to provide their pre-arrival notification 96 hours prior to arriving at Canal waters will not be scheduled for transit ahead of vessels that have complied with this requirement or that have already been assigned pilots for transit.
3. The following means are available to provide pre-arrival notifications to the Traffic Management Unit of the Panama Canal Authority:

**E-mail:** [ETA@pancanal.com](mailto:ETA@pancanal.com)  
**Fax:** (507) 272-3976  
**Telephone:** (507) 272-4200

4. All pre-arrival notifications sent via e-mail or fax must comply with the following requirements:
  - a. Shall provide information using ACP Form 4376 – "SHIP DUE" available at (<http://www.pancanal.com/eng/maritime/forms>);
  - b. The vessel's name (spelled correctly), ship's identification number (SIN), call letters and customer code shall be included in order to properly identify the vessel. Abbreviations are unacceptable.

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