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TO : ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

SUBJECT: BOOKED VESSELS MAY BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE DATE OF TRANSIT

In order to respond to customers' requests to provide flexibility to the reservation system, a new tariff has been approved, whereby under certain circumstances, booked vessels may be allowed a change in transit date without the cancellation charge.

The new tariff 1050.0050, effective December 1, 2002, reads as follows:

<u>Change in transit date</u>: A change in transit date may be allowed without a cancellation charge, provided it is requested at least 180 days prior to the reserved arrival date. The new transit date shall not exceed 364 days from the date of the request. The ACP reserves the right to assess the cancellation charge in accordance with tariff item 1050.0040 whenever the request for date change may not be fully justified.

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