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**MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-10-2006**

**To: Steamship Agents, Owners and Operators**

**Subject: Access to Vessel Information through the ACP Enhanced Vessel Traffic Management System (EVTMS) (Revision 1)**

In compliance with the requirements of Article 24 of ACP's Regulation on Records Management, as well as the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS), as stated in Advisory A-29-2005, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) determined that access to the Enhanced Vessel Traffic Management System (EVTMS) must be restricted. As a result, the ACP Administrator issued Directive AD-2006-1, dated January 17, 2006, whereby availability of the information contained within the EVTMS system was regulated.

The ACP advises all interested parties that all requests to transit the Canal or anchor in Panama Canal waters will carry implicit authorization for the ACP to disclose, through the EVTMS System, information regarding the vessel and its estimated time of arrival (ETA) to those duly registered with the ACP to provide services to said vessels.

Authorization to access the EVTMS system will require signing a contract with the ACP wherein the terms and conditions required of the subscriber are defined. This contract will include the established tariff, as well as confidentiality restrictions regarding the use of information obtained through this system. Non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract, including non-payment of the tariff in a timely manner, may result in the suspension of access to this service.

The EVTMS system will only be available, with the limitations and restrictions established in the contract, and based on the nature of the activity performed, to the following:

- shipping agents, vessel owners and operators;
- port terminals located within Panama Canal waters or adjacent to the same;
- government entities with maritime or security responsibilities;
- individuals or established entities providing services to vessels in Panama Canal waters; and,
- other individuals domiciled in the Republic of Panama providing legal services within the realm of maritime transportation and commerce.

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Requests for access to the EVTMS system and its access contract may be directed to the Transit Operations Division at 272-5951. All new requests must state the purpose for such access; identify a point of contact; and provide a company postal and street address, as well as telephone and facsimile numbers. These requests shall be submitted in writing to [mrtv@pancanal.com](mailto:mrtv@pancanal.com), or delivered to:

Manager, Traffic Management and Admeasurements Section  
Panama Canal Authority  
Building 910, La Boca  
Republic of Panamá

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