

August 29, 2007

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-20-2007

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT: LOCKS LANE OUTAGE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY
TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Beginning Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 0600 hours through Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 2359 hours (**approximately 10 days**), there will be restricted lockages in the **EAST** lane of **Gatun Locks**. Relay operations will be conducted in the **WEST** lane. These restricted lockages are necessary in order to perform tow track repairs on the sidewall close to Miter Gate 13.

In addition, beginning Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 0001 hours through Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 2359 hours (**7 days**), the **EAST** lane of **Pedro Miguel Locks** will be out of service. Closing the East lane of Pedro Miguel Locks is necessary in order to perform dry chamber work on Miter Gates 50, 51, 62 and 63.

As a result of this work and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (MR's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2007), a reduction in the number of available booking slots will be in effect during this period, as follows:

- From 0001 hours on **September 5, 2007** through 2359 hours on **September 11, 2007**, **Condition 2** will be in effect;
- From 0001 hours on **September 12, 2007** through 2359 hours on **September 15, 2007**, **Condition 1.a** will be in effect.

The number of slots per direction and restriction during **Condition 1.a** will be limited as follows:

- No more than eight (8) supers may be booked for transit in the southbound direction, and of these, no more than six (6) with "full daylight-hour" restriction. Similarly, no more than seven (7) supers may be booked for transit in the northbound direction, and of these, no more than five (5) with "full daylight-hour" restriction.
- The total number of "full daylight-hour" restricted supers shall not exceed eight (8) vessels per day.
- No more than four (4) regular vessels may be booked for transit in the same direction.
- Of the six slots available for regular vessels, no more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Applications for reserved transits under these conditions will be received commencing 0900 hours September 2, 2007. The booking slot available through the Auction Process will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on September 30, 2007.

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