



May 21, 2008

**OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-13-2008**

**TO: All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators**

**SUBJECT: Compliance with Panama Canal Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (PCSOPEP) - Letter of Acceptance of the Sanction ("Carta de Allanamiento")**

The Panama Canal Authority issued Advisory to Shipping A-19-2007 dated August 10, 2007, as well as Advisory to Shipping A-29-2007 dated November 29, 2007, regarding compliance with Panama Canal Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (PCSOPEP) requirements.

Please be advised that in accordance with Article 163 of the Regulation on Navigation in Panama Canal Waters the offender may expressly accept having committed the offense and agree to abide by the sanction. Such acceptance shall be submitted to the ACP through a Letter of Acceptance of the Sanction ("Carta de Allanamiento") and be accorded to the benefits thereby. In the event that this option is elected, the Ship Agent shall submit an advanced copy of the letter via fax to the Legal Advice Office at 272-1797 and the original version shall be delivered to the Panama Canal Administration Building, Office 338, no later than 10 days from the date the Non-Compliance Form is issued.

Ship Agents are encouraged to comply with the PCSOPEP requirements and other Panama Canal regulations. For further information, please direct your inquiries to [pcsopep@pancanal.com](mailto:pcsopep@pancanal.com) or by telephone to (507) 272-4635.

This advisory does not cancel the remaining content of the Advisory to Shipping A-19-2007 dated August 10, 2007 or Advisory to Shipping A-29-2007 dated November 29, 2007.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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Enclosure  
([sample Form 855](#))