

November 13, 2008

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-30-2008

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: CULVERT MAINTENANCE, LOCKS LANE OUTAGE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM

Beginning Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 1400 hours through Friday, November 28, 2008, at 1400 hours (**10 days**), the centerwall culvert of Miraflores Locks will be out of service for repairs of seven (7) rising stem valves, and replacement of five (5) cylindrical valves. Although both lanes will remain in service, they will be served by single culverts during filling and spilling operations. Therefore, all lockages at Miraflores Locks will consume more time than normal.

In addition, beginning Saturday, November 22, 2008, at 1800 hours, through Sunday, November 23, 2008, at 0600 hours (**12 hours**), the **WEST** lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service. Relay operations will be conducted on the **EAST** lane. Closing the West lane of Gatun Locks is necessary in order to perform critical repairs on Vehicular Bridge No. 4.

As a result, and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System [OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2008 (Rev. 1)], **Condition 1.a** will be in effect from **November 18, 2008** through **November 28, 2008**.

The number of slots per direction and restriction will be 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 (6) slots available for regular vessels, no more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Applications for reserved transits under the above-mentioned condition will be received commencing 0900 hours November 15, 2008. The booking slot available through the Auction Process, as well as the slots available to regular vessels less than 300 feet in length, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on November 30, 2008.

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