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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-02-2002

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Tariff for Additional Pilot

1. Some vessels arriving for transit with certain noted deficiencies or conditions have required the assignment of additional pilots in order to allow them to complete their transit. In the past, the cost of these additional pilots was absorbed by the Panama Canal; however, in light of increasing costs, the Panama Canal Authority now finds it necessary to charge for these additional resources.

2. Effective March 1, 2002, any vessel that requires the assignment of more pilots than the number that would normally be required by a vessel of her size, will be assessed additional pilotage fees in accordance to established tariffs:

- a. Pilots assigned before transit begins..... \$2,250.00 each
- b. Pilots assigned due to late discovery of deficiency..... \$4,500.00 each

3. Some deficiencies or conditions that could require additional pilots are:

- Restricted visibility (excluding Full container Vessels)
- Inadequate sanitary facilities
- Inability to relay
- Clear channel restrictions due to cargo or ship design
- Inability to develop and maintain the minimum *full ahead* speed required to complete the transit in standard times. The Panama Canal Authority has determined that the minimum *full ahead* speed required in order to complete transit in standard times is 8 knots.

4. Handlines using transit advisors instead of pilots, which are unable to complete their transit on the same day, will be assessed the tariff for transit delay of \$440.00 for the additional transit advisor.

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