

September 1, 2005

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-30-2005

TO: ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTES, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS 13G AND 13H OF ANNEX 1 OF MARPOL

1. As was stated in MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No.A-07-2005 – "Implementation of Amendments to Regulation 13G and 13H of Annex 1 of MARPOL Convention", the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) will evaluate, on a case by case basis, vessels restricted by the above-referenced amendments to MARPOL and assign at the vessel's expense, any additional resources deemed necessary to guarantee a safe transit.

2. The ACP has determined that single hull tankers (single side/single bottom; single side/double bottom or double side/single bottom) referred to in the Regulation noted above, will be assigned, as a minimum, an escort tug when they transit with cargo defined as "oils" in accordance with Definition (1), Regulation (1), Chapter (1) Annex 1 of MARPOL.

3. In order that the maritime community may be informed of the tug assignments that may be applicable in each case, the following criteria has been established:

a. For tankers of 30,000 tons DWT and over, tugs will be assigned to assist at all Canal entrances, locks approaches through Gaillard Cut and across Gatun Lake.

b. For tankers of 20,000 tons DWT and over, but less than 30,000 tons DWT, tugs will be assigned to assist at all locks approaches and through Gaillard Cut.

c. For tankers of 5,000 tons DWT and over, but less than 20,000 tons DWT, tugs will be assigned to assist at all locks approaches and through Gaillard Cut.

d. For tankers subject to Regulation 13H that are 600 tons DWT and over, but less than 5,000 tons DWT, tugs will be assigned to assist at all locks approaches and through Gaillard Cut.

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