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**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ**  
VICE PRESIDENCY FOR TRANSIT BUSINESS

**ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-15-2019**

May 21, 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** Update of the Maximum Authorized Draft for Vessels Transiting the Panama Canal

As a result of the amount of rainfall in the Panama Canal watershed during the past week, the Panama Canal Authority has postponed the effective date of the sixth draft update as published in Advisory to Shipping A-13-2019. Therefore, the maximum authorized draft of **13.11 m (43.0 feet)** Tropical Fresh Water (TFW) for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks and **11.73 m (38.5 feet)** TFW for vessels transiting the Panamax locks will become effective June 12, 2019, instead of May 28, 2019.

The maximum authorized draft allowed of **13.41 meters (44.0 feet)** TFW for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks and **12.04 m (39.5 feet)** TFW for vessels transiting the Panamax locks, as published in Advisory to Shipping No. A-10-2019, will continue to be in effect until June 12, 2019.

We will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake and announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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