

## Advisory to Shipping No. A-02-2022

February 1, 2022

**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** Seasonal Draft Adjustment for the Neopanamax Locks

Based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces the first draft adjustment of the season. Effective March 1, 2022, the maximum authorized draft allowed for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be **15.09 m (49.5 feet)** TFW.

Vessels arriving with drafts over **15.09 m (49.5 feet)** TFW may be allowed to transit past March 1, 2021, depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. Otherwise, they will be required to trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

Draft reductions will be announced in 6 inch (15.24 cm) decrements, generally with at least four weeks advance notice.

The ACP will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake in order to announce future draft adjustments in a timely manner.

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