

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND AUTHORIZED CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

SUBJECT: TRANSIT BOOKING INFORMATION ON THE PANAMA CANAL INTERNET PAGE

REFERENCE: (a) Panama Canal Authority MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-30-2004

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Safety Circular is to advise all the owners and operators of the Commonwealth of Dominica flag vessels on Panama Canal Transit Booking System.

APPLICABILITY: Dominica flag vessels engaged on voyages through Panama Canal

PROVISIONS:

1 Dominica Maritime Administration would like to advise that the Panama Canal Authority has created a new section on its Internet Page, now available at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/maritime/transit/index.html>, which contains information on the current status of the Transit Booking System as follows:

- .1 Booking Slots Available
 - a. Small vessels (under 91 feet in beam)
 - b. Large vessels (91 feet in beam and over)
 - c. Booking Slots Available Report
- .2 Customer Ranking Report

2 The Booking Slots Available display has been designed to provide vessels with information on reserved slots and slot availability within the next 12 months, while the new Booking Slots Available Report has been created to facilitate the review of the availability of booking dates. This information is updated every two hours.

3 The Customer Ranking Report is updated and posted at the end of each month.

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