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CUSTOMER ADVISORY
Transpacific Eastbound
Panama Canal Reduced Draft (Asia to USEC/USGC)
Effective April 2019

Dear Valued Customer,

Please note that the Panama Canal transit draft has been decreasing several times in the last few weeks due to Gatun Lake water-level (dry season).

Draft effective dates:

- Effective February 11, 2019, transit draft will be restricted to 14.94 meters (49.0 feet) TFW (Tropical Fresh Water)
- Effective February 27, 2019, transit draft will be restricted to 14.63m (48.0 feet) TFW
- Effective March 13, 2019, transit draft will be restricted to 14.33 meters (47.0 feet) TFW
- Effective March 29, 2019, transit draft will be restricted to 14.02 meters (46.0 feet) TFW
- Effective April 10, 2019, transit draft will be restricted to 13.72 meters (45.0 feet) TFW
- Effective April 30, 2019, transit draft will be restricted to 13.41 meters (44.0 feet) TFW

This reduced draft has affected the maximum weight we can load on some of our All-Water Services as follows:

- PEX 3: 4% reduction
- SAX & Manhattan Bridge: 17.6% reduction
- No reduction at this stage on Vespucci & TWS, although the Savannah port draft restriction already limits maximum weight on these services

As a consequence, heavy cargo, in particular 20 footers, may face spot rejections or roll over on specific sailings where total weight has already been reached; however, CMA CGM will not at this stage refuse 20 foot containers on our All-Water services and will keep providing alternative options to our customers.

Main alternative routing options are as follows:

- US East Coast cargo (New York / Norfolk / Savannah / Charleston): load on Columbus Suez via Transshipment in Hong Kong
- US Gulf Coast: no alternative service, CMA CGM origin agencies will provide vessels where heavy containers can be accommodated



Further evolution of the Panama Canal draft remains unknown and we will keep our customers updated on any new impacts.

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information, please contact your local CMA CGM sales representative, or visit our website at <http://www.cma-cgm.com>.

Sincerely,
Asia Regional Office - Transpacific Lines