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REF: NEW PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY TARIFF ITEM:

         DISRUPTION CHARGES

We would advise that as of the first January 2023 a new charge was

added to the Panama Canal Authority (PCA) tariff item.

The charge is referred as a "disruption charge" and the amount depends

on the size of the vessel involved and if it is considered "low impact" or

"high impact".

In general, the charge is applied if the vessel causes a disruption or delays

in the movement of scheduled transit of vessels.

Attached is circular ADV-38-22 and section of the tariff of the PCA which

details the amounts of the charges.

Basically a "low impact" disruption charges can be applied if a vessel is

boarded by the canal pilots and due to problems with the vessel for some

reason she is not able to commence transit or is delayed to commence

transit. A "high impact" charge applies if for example, a vessel sufferers

engine problems once she is proceeding down the channel to the Canal

locks.

These charges cannot be negotiated and cannot be appealed, though it

may be possible to argue same if it is clearly considered that same was

misapplied.

If in an incident as described the PCA decide to apply the disruption

charge, the invoice is sent direct through the local agent's bank account

to be paid through the bank guarantee that the agent must have open

to cover transit tolls and related transit costs. Therefore it may be difficult

for the local agent to avoid this charge being debited from their account

if applied.

We have found that since the start of this year the PCA have been applying

this new charge often. Vessels should be made aware of these potential

charges before arriving for Panama Canal transit.

Best regards

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