



SHIPOWNERS

► PANDI CIRCULAR 023/2020 PARANA RIVER: DRAFT RESTRICTIONS

Please be informed that the height of the water in the Plata Basin (Parana River / River Plate system) has been dropping below average and the forecast indicates that this tendency will continue during the following days. For this reason, the relevant Institute issued an Hydrological Alert and the Coast Guard circulated a note to all the parties concerned requesting to maximize caution with ship's drafts when loading to avoid incidents.

We are enclosing Coast Guards' Circular (free translation), last minimum drafts published (6 April) and the depth records of the last 7 days at Rosario as an example.

Due to the above we suggest to remind to the Masters to follow up with their agents the maximum sailing drafts taking into account the decreasing tendency and, as we always due, to suggest them to discuss with the Pilots every aspect of the navigational plan to minimize risks of grounding.

We also remain you that due to COVID-19 mandatory isolation our staff is working remotely, and can be contacted:

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We shall keep monitoring the situation and we remain at your disposal if clarification or additional information is needed.

Yours faithfully,

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The height of the Parana River / Plate Basin has been decreasing and the forecast indicates that this tendency will continue. Hydrological Alert and Coast Guards safety recommendations

I am pleased to address you, in order to inform that, according to the forecast of the hydrometric heights issued by the Hydrological Information and Alert System for the Del Plata Basin corresponding to the National Institute of Water (INA), for the next few days the hydrometric heights will continue to drop below the average, event that triggered the "HYDROLOGICAL ALERT in the Plata Basin" by said entity, a situation that undoubtedly directly impacts the safety of navigation and the ship and convoy traffic management.

In order to prevent the occurrence of major events and environmental implications, among others, the Coast Guards through its VTS Centers, part of the communication service for the security of the navigation (SECOSENA), is issuing various recommendations to the Captains of ships and convoys that transit the trunk route of Santa Fe - Ocean.

In view of the foregoing, we request you to take the necessary security measures (in relation to the cargo and drafts) in order to avoid the occurrence of events that endanger waterways, crews, vessels and / or cargo, safeguarding the safety of navigation and protection of the environment", taking into account the current hydrological condition.

Yours Faithfully,

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