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The Panama Canal recently experienced some of its worst drought conditions in history. The canal reduced daily booking slots and maximum draft, leading shippers to face decisions on where and how to transport their cargo.

But things are turning a corner.

On March 18, the canal began to offer 26 booking slots daily, revised from the previous number of 24. Starting March 25, the canal started allowing 27 slots, a spokesperson for the Panama Canal said via email.

“Our efficient water saving measures have allowed us to increase the daily number of transits, while maintaining the 44-foot draft for the rest of the dry season,” the spokesperson said.

Read more in an [article from Supply Chain Dive](#).

Customs Regulatory

Customs Notice 24-07: Expiry of Specific Rules of Origin Provisions under the Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement

This customs notice advises of the imminent expiry of the application of specific rules of origin provisions under the [Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement \(CUKTCA\)](#).

The benefits afforded with the use of origin quotas, as well as with applying cumulation of European Union materials and production will both expire effective April 1, three years after

CUKTCA's entry into force, as stipulated in [paragraph 3 of Annex 5-A](#) and [paragraphs 2A, 2B and 2C](#) respectively, of the Protocol on Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures.

Find more information in [Customs Notice 24-07](#).