

Notice to Skippers No. 43/2022

Pursuant to Art. 14 sec. 1 point 4 of the Act of 20 July 2017 – Water Law (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2020, item 310, 284, 695, 782, 875) and Art. 43 sec. 6 of the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland navigation (Dz. U. /Journal Of Laws/ of 2019, item 1568, 1901, 2170 of 2020, item 284.), in agreement with the Oder – Havel Waterways and Shipping Office and in consultation with the Inland Navigation Office in Szczecin, the Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin informs that due to low water temperatures as well as the forecasted 24-hour low air temperatures and the possibility of development of ice phenomena, starting from 12 December 2022, from 7.00 a.m., the Polish and German waterway administrations will proceed with a complete reduction of the navigation markings on:

- the 1st operational section of the Oder River from km 542.4 (mouth of the Lusatian Neisse River) to km 586.0,

- the 2nd operational section of the Oder River from km 586.0 to km 617.6 (mouth of the Warta River),

- the 3rd operational section of the Oder River from 617.6 (mouth of the Warta River) to km 667.2 (Hohensaaten).

In view of the above, navigation on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd operational sections of the River Oder is closed as of 7.00 a.m. on 12 December 2022.

Furthermore, we would like to remind you that the vessels operating during ice formation and navigation closures should proceed to the nearest port or another safe place outside the riverbed and the vessels not prepared for navigation should abandon the voyage. Also, contractors of hydro-engineering works on the water should stop working if icing occurs.

If ice phenomena develop, the closure of navigation on the remaining waterways is to be expected.

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