

Notice to Skippers No. 40/2022

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, items 1568, 1901, 2170 of 2020, item 284.) The Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin, in consultation with the Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław and the Office of Inland Navigation in Szczecin and in agreement with the Waterways and Shipping Office Oder-Havel, informs that:

due to the expected cooler weather and the current low water temperature, there is a possibility of the occurrence of the first ice phenomena. For this reason, the Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin with the Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław and the German administration, **with effect from 7 December 2022 shall commence the reduction of navigation signs on the border section of the Oder river (from km 542.4 mouth of the Lusatian Neisse river to km 704.1 Widuchowa).**

As a result of the reduction in navigation signs from 7 December 2022, the navigation signs on the border section of the Oder River (from km 542.4 to km 704.1) do not meet the requirements for night navigation and do not meet the requirements set out in §7 pt 1 of the ordinance of the Director of the Inland Navigation Office in Szczecin of 11 March 2022 on navigation in border waters of the Oder River, the West Oder and the Lusatian Neisse which regulates the rules of night navigation.

As there is no need to reduce the navigation signs on the West Oder river, night navigation will be still possible.

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, hydro contractors on the water should stop working if flooding occurs.

For more information on navigational conditions, please contact the Operations Centre between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (phone no.: 91 44 11 257) or visit the website: <https://szczecin.wody.gov.pl/komunikaty-nawigacyjne>