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Notice to Skippers no. 20/2023

Pursuant to §43, item 6 of the Inland Navigation Act of December 21, 2000 (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 1097), State Water Holding Polish Waters Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin, in agreement with the Office of Inland Navigation in Szczecin and in agreement with the Oder - Havel Waterway Administration informs that due to the occurrence of low transit depths **at III exploitation** section of the Oder River i.e. from km 617,6 (mouth of the Warta River) to km 667,2 (town of Hohensaaten) **the Waterway Authority is discontinuing soundings and inspections of this section of the waterway from June 10, 2023, until further notice.**

This situation is caused by periodically occurring very low water levels, which make it impossible to determine the operational parameters of the section in question (it is not possible to carry out soundings) and to maintain proper marking of the shipping lane.

The indicated sections of the waterway should be crossed with extreme caution.

Approximate operating parameters for the various sections of the waterway can be calculated based on current water levels in relation to the last sounding.

In the event of an improvement in the hydrological situation, the Polish and German parties will immediately proceed with soundings of the above sections of the Oder River. The currently published information on the transit depth in exploitation section III is calculated mathematically based on the last sounding of week 19 of 2023.

River section	Km	Water gauge	Sounding in 19 week of 2023		Current status June 9, 2023	
			Water level	Transit depth	Water level	Transit depth
III	km 617.6-667.2	Kienitz	334	148 cm	239	53 cm

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For more information on shipping conditions, please contact from Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. the Operations Centre (tel. 91 44 11 257) or consult the news published on the website: <https://szczecin.wody.gov.pl/komunikaty-nawigacyjne>.

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