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Notice to Skippers no. 22/2023

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 consultation with the Oder - Havel Waterways and Shipping Authority, informs that due to the existing low transit depths **on:**

- **Section I** of the Oder River, i.e. from km 542.4 to km 586.0;
- **Section IVa** of the Oder River, i.e. from km 667.2 to km 677.2;

The Waterway Administration will cease soundings and inspections of the indicated sections of the waterway from July 14, 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 depths in the operating section I and IVa is calculated mathematically on the basis of the latest soundings from, successively, in the 24th week of 2023 (sec. IVa) and in the 27th week of 2023 (sec. I).

River section	Km	Water gauge	Sounding in 24th week of 2023 (sec. IVa) / 27th week of 2023 (sec. I).		Current status: July 13, 2023	
			Water level	Transit depth	Water level	Transit depth
I	km 542.4-586.0	Biała Góra	123	90	116	83
IVa	km 667.2-677.2	Hohensaaten Ost	285	100	263	78

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For more information on shipping conditions, please contact from Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 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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