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Notice to Skippers no. 36/2023

Pursuant to Art. 14 sec. 1(4) of the Act of July 20, 2017 – Water Law (Journal of Laws of 2023, item 1478, 1688, 1890, 1963, 2029) and Art. 43 sec. (6) of the Act of December 21, 2000 on inland navigation (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 1097, 2642 of 2023 item 1588, 2029.) The Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin, in agreement with the Oder-Havel Waterway and Shipping Office in Eberswalde and in agreement with the Inland Waterway Office in Szczecin, informs that due to the forecasted cooling down and the currently low water temperature, the first ice phenomena are possible. Due to the above, RZGW in Szczecin, together with RZGW in Wrocław and the German administration, **is starting to reduce the navigational markings on the border section of the Oder River (from km 542.4 mouth of the Nysa Łużycka river to km 704.1 Widuchowa) as of December 4, 2023 .**

As a result of the reduction of the navigational markings from December 5, 2023, the navigational markings on the border section of the Oder River (from km 542.4 to km 704.1) do not meet the requirements for night-time navigation and do not meet the requirements set out in §7 point 1. of the Order of the Director of Inland Navigation in Szczecin of March 11, 2022 on navigation in the border waters of the Oder river, the Western Oder river and the Nysa Łużycka river regulating the rules of navigation at night time.

As there is no need to reduce the navigational markings on the West Oder river, night time navigation will continue to be possible.

At the same time, we would like to inform you that vessels making a voyage during the formation of ice phenomena and navigation closures should proceed to the nearest port or other safe place outside the riverbed and vessels prepared for navigation should abandon the voyage. In addition, contractors of hydrotechnical works on the water in the event of ice phenomena should cease work.

For more information on navigational 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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