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Notice to Skippers No. 64/2021

Re.: Ratowice lock reconstruction – change of lock closure date in the autumn/spring season 2021/2022

Pursuant to Art. 14 sec. 1(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, and of 2020, item 284),

"Polish Waters" National Water Holding, Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław, in reference to the Notice to Skippers No. 62/2021, informs that due to reported essential transport needs on the Oder Waterway, related to ensuring energy security of Poland, the date of **closing the Ratowice lock for navigation is postponed to 10 November 2021.**

Therefore, the planned date of opening navigation through the Ratowice lock is postponed to 11 May 2022. The exact date of its opening (which may also be subject to the meteorological and hydrological conditions on the Oder River) will be announced in a separate Notice to Skippers.

In case of cancellation of the advised transports in November 2021, the lock closure date of 1 November 2021 will be reinstated to keep to the construction schedule, which will be announced in a separate Notice to Skippers.

We ask all users of the Oder Waterway to adjust their navigation plans accordingly due to the above circumstances and keep up to date with the issued notices.

Notice to Skippers No. 62/2021 is repealed.

Current information on the hydrological and navigational situation on the Oder River (navigation information) is available on the website of "Polish Waters" National Water Holding, Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław, in the folder - [Hydrological and navigational situation](#).