



Vessel speed limit system to be effective on January 2, 2018

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The competent federal authorities (Wasserstraßen- und Schifffahrtsämter Cuxhaven und Hamburg) reminded ship owners, operators, masters and persons-in-charge that the announced speed limit system governing the speed of vessels on the river Elbe would come into operation on January 2, 2018.

The maximum speed limits apply to vessels of 90 metres or more. There are following speed restricted areas:

Areas	Maximum speed (through the water)
Kugelbake to Buoy 47	15 kn
between Buoys 47 - 55a	15 kn
between Buoys 55a - 63	14 kn
between Buoys 63 - 79/WS2	14 kn
between Buoys 79/WS2 - 107/Reede	12 kn
between Buoys 107/Reede - 119/HN1	12 kn
between Buoys 119/HN1 - 125	10 kn

There will be speed controls from January 2, 2018 (trial phase). Violations will be punished from April 1, 2018.

The speed limits are imposed to avoid negative impacts on the environment.

Further information will be circulated in due course.

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