

**WASTE MANAGEMENT  
IN THE LIGHT OF AUDITS  
PERFORMED BY**

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## **WASTES IN FIGURES**

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- Wastes generated in Poland - 120.3 m tons  
incl. municipal waste - 9.3 m tons
- Wastes imported to Poland – 13.0 m tons
- Wastes exported from Poland – 0.2 m tons

# POLISH NATIONAL ACTS ON WASTE

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- Act from 27 April 2001 on Environment Protection Law
- Act from 27 April 2001 on Waste Management
- Act from 11 May 2001 on Packaging and Packaging Waste
- Act from 11 May 2001 on Entrepreneurs' Obligations Regarding Some Wastes' Management and Product and Deposit Charges.
- Act from 20 January 2005 on Recycling of Used Cars,
- Act from 29 June 2007 on International Wastes' Movement, and
- acts on handling groups of wastes (radioactive, from ships, mining, packaging, used electric or electronic equipment, batteries, etc.)

## **POLANDS' INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS ON WASTE**

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- **Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**  
– ratified by Poland in 1994
- **EU legislation** - binding for Poland since 2004 (EU Membership)

## **PSAO AUDITED IN 2000**

### **Proceeding with Hazardous Waste**

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#### **Auditees**

- Government and self-Government organs and units
- Economic entities – hazardous waste holders
- Customs Offices
- Regional Inspectorates for Environmental Protection

# Proceeding with Hazardous Waste

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## Main audit findings

- some hazardous waste producers and recipients without permits for hazardous waste management
- regional and local authorities without sufficient knowledge about hazardous waste management
- hazardous wastes' records and reports unreliable
- Customs inspections overlooked illegal transboundary waste movements

## **PSAO AUDITED IN 2003**

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**Implementation of Commitments in  
the Environment Protection Area  
Assumed by the Government of the  
Republic of Poland in Negotiations  
with the European Commission**

## **Implementation of Commitments in the Environment Protection Area**

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### **Audit aim**

- assess actions by public administration organs and units towards Poland's meeting her environmental commitments ensuing from EU membership negotiations, incl. waste management area



## **Implementation of Commitments in the Environment Protection Area**

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### **Irregularities disclosed**

- delays in waste management plans' development
- slow implementation of selective waste collection
- dissatisfactory technical condition of local waste dumping sites

## **PSAO AUDITED IN 2006**

### **Managing Used and Packaging Wastes**

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#### **Main audit findings**

- irregularities in selective waste collection
- delays in achieving required levels in used batteries' recovery and lubricant oils' recycling
- insufficient task performance in waste management reporting

## **PSAO AUDITED IN 2007**

### **Proceedings with Medical Waste**

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#### **Main audit findings**

- hospitals and medical waste disposal plants failed to separate, collect, record and report medical waste
- Local Government units failed in effective supervision of medical waste managing entities
- checks by Inspection of Environmental Protection, State Sanitary Inspection, and Road Transportation Inspection insufficient

## **PSAO AUDITED IN 2003**

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**Observance of requirements related  
to International Movements of Wastes**

# International Movements of Wastes

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## Audit aim

- Implementation of Basel Convention's provisions on
- issuing permits for international waste movements
- compliance with permit requirements,
- supervision and control of international movements of waste

# International Movements of Wastes

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## Auditees

- Chief Inspectorate for Environment Protection (ensuing permits for international movements of wastes)
- 11 Customs Offices
- 8 Border Guard units
- 51 entities involved in international wastes' movements

# **International Movements of Wastes**

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## **Main audit findings in entities engaged in international waste movements**

- missing waste management permits
- moving waste via border checkpoints or from suppliers and to recipients other than indicated in permits

# **International Movements of Wastes**

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## **Main audit findings in Customs Offices**

- neglect in requesting to present the obligatory documents for Customs control
- neglect in recording in bills of lading actual amounts of wastes moved
- wastes' sorts and composition not always identified



# International Movements of Wastes

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## Main audit findings in Border Guard units

- failure to notify border checkpoints proper for waste exportation about wastes carried into Poland on transit terms

# **PSAO PLANS TO AUDIT IN 2012**

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international movement of wastes  
in an international cooperation exercise

- coordinated by the Netherlands Court of Audit