WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF AUDITS PERFORMED BY THE POLISH SUPREME AUDIT OFFICE [PSAO]
WASTES IN FIGURES

- 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

- 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 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

- **Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal** – ratified by Poland in 1994
- **EU legislation** - biding for Poland since 2004 (EU Membership)
PSAO AUDITED IN 2000
Proceeding with Hazardous Waste

Auditees

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

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

Irregularities disclosed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Main audit findings in Border Guard units

- failure to notify border checkpoints properly for waste exportation about wastes carried into Poland on transit terms
PSAO PLANS TO AUDIT IN 2012

international movement of wastes in an international cooperation exercise

• coordinated by the Netherlands Court of Audit