

Report summary
Auditing the implementation by Ukraine The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal requirements

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Auditees: Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, State Ecological Inspection of Ukraine in Zakarpatska, Volyska, L'vivska and Kharkivska oblasts.

The audit general outcomes:

The audit revealed that in 2013-2015 Ukraine's activities to comply with requirements provided in The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal were implemented under conditions of insufficient regulation followed by improper organizational and material maintenance.

State Ecological Inspection and its regional offices in 2013-2015 faced lack of funding which affected proper state supervision over the environmental safety at border checkpoints and within the and custom zones during cargoes' and vehicles' import, export and transit.

As a result, in 2013-2015 material and technical resources of inspections were not updated, the complete package of available control devices were not tested, special vehicles were used partially, and premises were not arranged for storing material resources in proper condition. The number of environmental control points and state inspectors in 2013-2014 was insufficient.

The general cause of such situation – lack of the state target program for waste management, including those hazardous, which should outline general goals of relevant state policy, activity streams and management of the State financial resources in this area, environment protection activities and their timetable.