

Managing waste in Poland in the light of legislation and SCC audit findings



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New law acts

- ✦ Environment Protection Law
 - 27 April, 2001
- ✦ Waste
 - 27 April 2001
- ✦ Packages and Packaging Waste
 - 11 May, 2001
- ✦ Entrepreneurs' Duties
 - 11 May 2001



The Act on Environment Protection Law

- Reasonable use of raw materials, materials and fuels
- No-waste and low-waste generating technologies
- Waste recovery
- Charges on waste landfilling



The Act on Waste

- Preventing or/and limiting waste generation
- Selective waste collection
- Waste recovery and neutralization possibly close to the waste generation site
- Waste management plans
- Permissions for waste management
- Data bases on wastes



The Act on Entrepreneurs' Duties

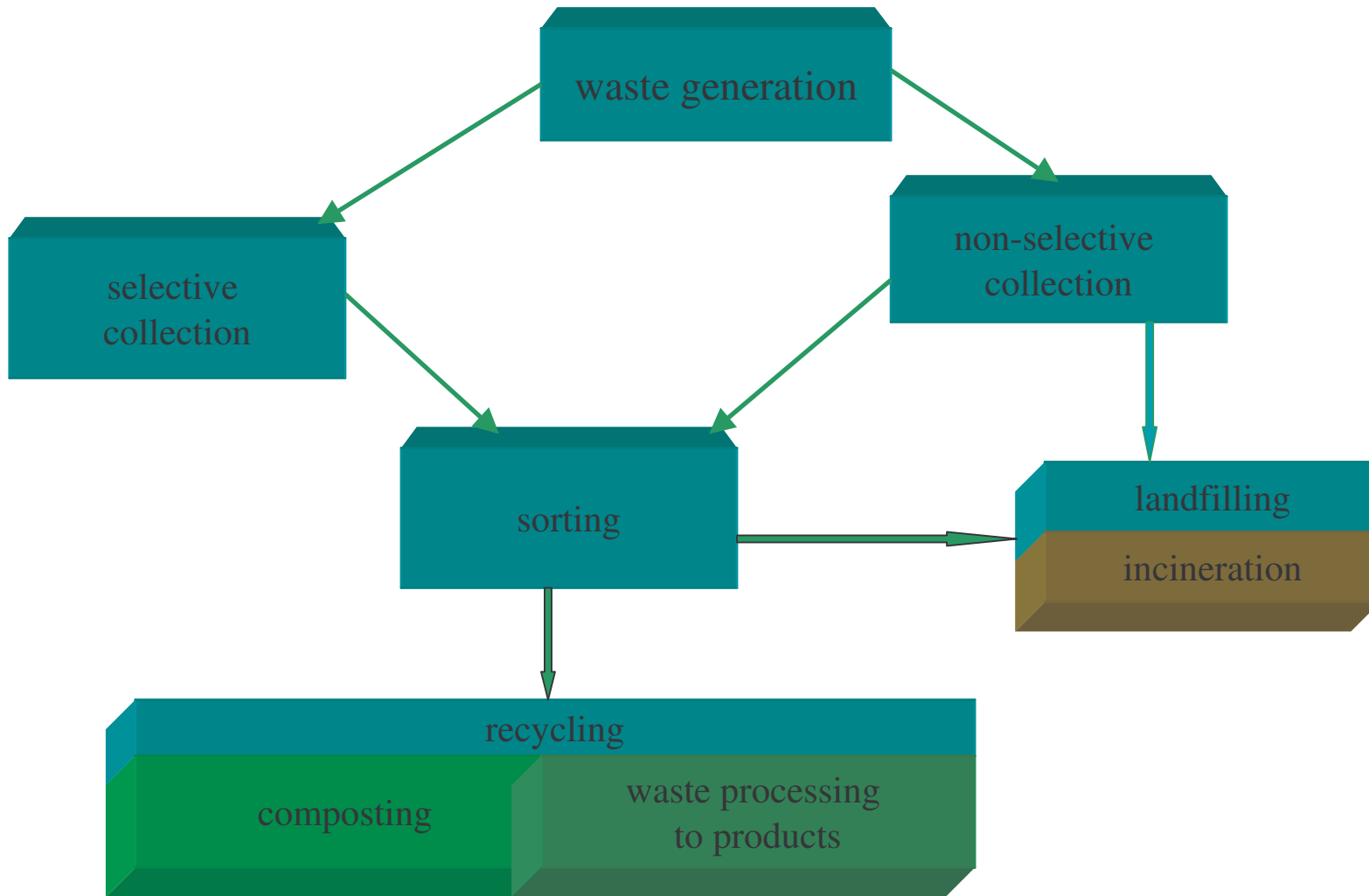
- Securing the required recovery and recycling levels of packaging and post-user wastes
- Reporting on the amounts of packages introduced to the national market and on amounts of wastes recovered and recycled
- Calculation and payments of product charges



The Act on Packages and Packaging waste

- Qualitative requirements for packages in the light of environment protection
- Packages labelling
- Proceeding with multiple use packages, deposit charges

WASTE MANAGEMENT





The SCC audits, 2003 - 2005

- Observance of Requirements Concerning International Movement of Wastes
- Implementation of Polish Negotiative Commitments vs. EU in Environmental Area
- Managing Packaging and Post-User Waste



Observance of Requirements Concerning International Movement of Wastes, 2003

Irregularities

- no observance of permit conditions by 1/4 audited entrepreneurs
- unreliable recording of wastes movement
- Cross-border transportation of waste insufficiently documented and controlled by border and customs services



Implementation of Polish Negotiative Commitments vs. EU in Environmental Area, 2004

Irregularities

- delays in developing of waste management plans for poviats and communities
- too slow establishing selective waste collection system
- dissatisfactory technical condition of communal waste deposit sites



Managing Packaging and Post-User Waste, 2005

Audit comprised

- 87 entities: Ministry of Environment, 37 self-government authorities, 50 firms dealing with packaging waste
- 2002 – 2004 (implementing new regulations)



Scope of the audit

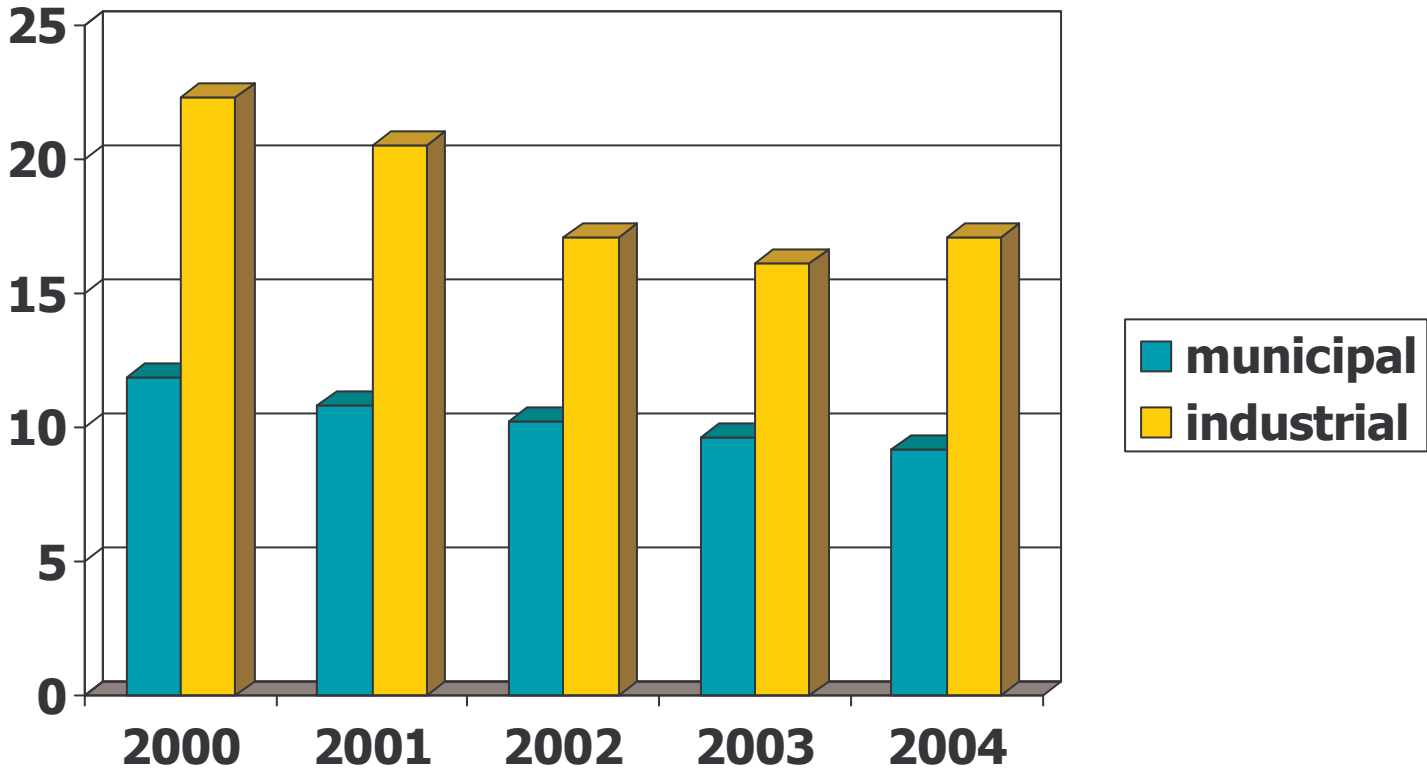
- Progress in developing poviat and community waste management plans
- Running registers of waste
- Reporting – amount of packages introduced to the market, recovered and recycled
- Recovery levels achieved for packaging wastes
- Functioning of the product charge system



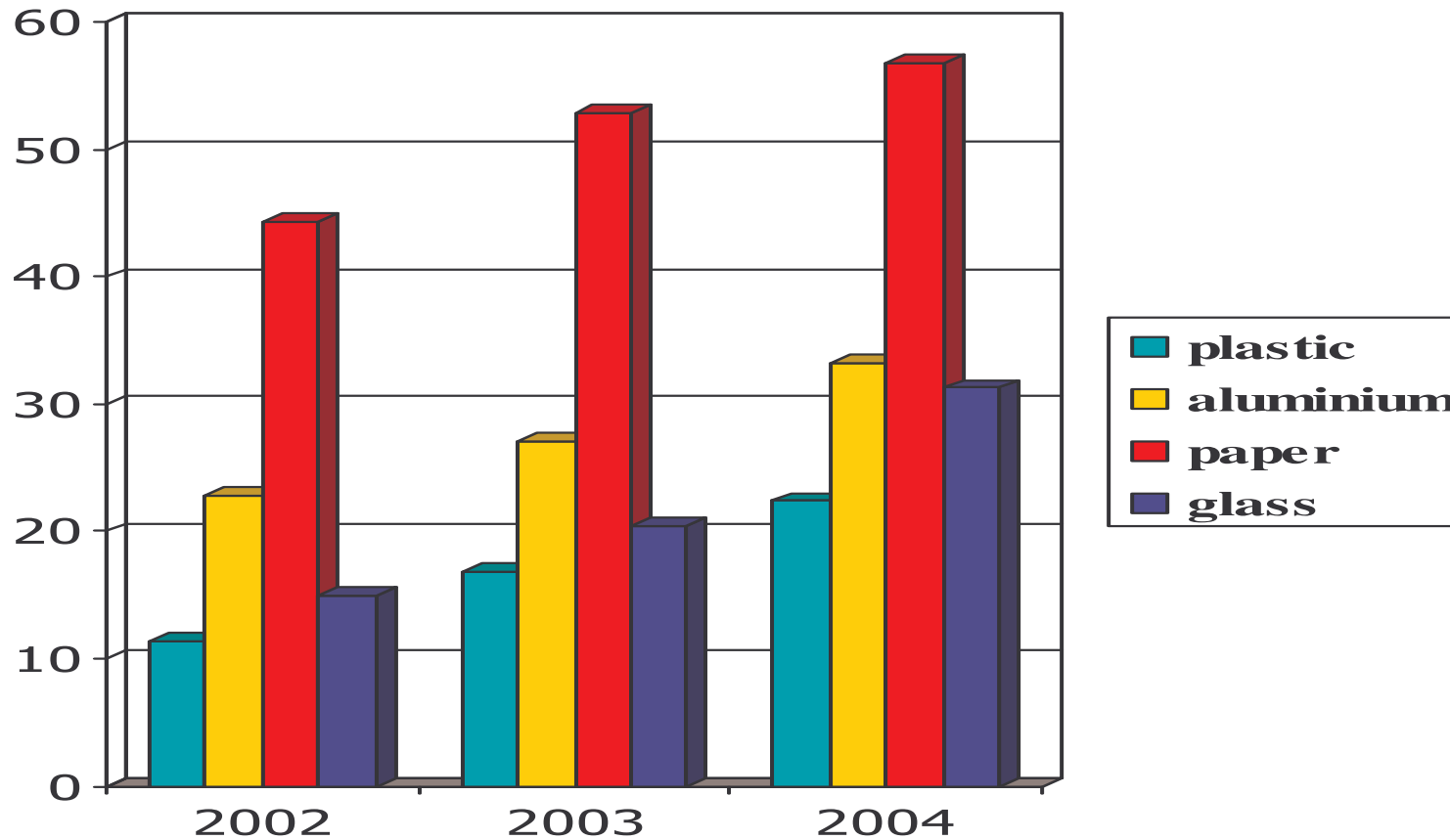
Initial audit findings

- Delays in developing waste management plans in some communities
- Slow pace of launching voivodship databases on waste management
- Not reliable reporting
- Insufficient execution of product charges

Waste deposited on landfills [million tons]



Recycling levels for packaging waste (%)





International regulations on waste management

- Basel Convention of March 22, 1989, came into force on May 5, 1992
Ratified by 66 states, including 24 from Europe
- EU directives, binding in 25 states, i.e.:
 - 75/442/EEC on waste
 - 91/689/EEC on hazardous waste
 - 94/62/EC and 2004/12/EC on packages and packaging wastes
 - 1999/31/EC on landfill of waste