

## *Automation of Processes as a Tool for Reducing Corruption Risks in the Issuance of Permits*

The SAIs of Ukraine, the Republic of Poland, and the Slovak Republic conducted an international coordinated audit on the topic "Transboundary Movements of Wastes in Light of the Basel Convention Provisions" within the framework of EUROSAI WGAFADC activities in 2019-2020.



Within the framework of the international audit, with the aim of assessing the reliability and effectiveness of the activities of authorities responsible for transboundary waste movements, including issues of international cooperation, the participating SAIs conducted national audits. In December 2019, the SAI of Ukraine completed an audit on the efficiency of state funds used to achieve the goals of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.

The SAIs participating in the international coordinated audit identified several key

issues, including that the authorized body responsible for implementing the Basel Convention provisions regarding operations in the field of hazardous waste management did not have information on the transit of hazardous waste through Ukraine. This created risks such as:

- Failure to ensure the security of hazardous waste movement during transit through the state's territory;
- Uncontrolled importation of hazardous waste into border states;
- The emergence of unauthorized hazardous waste dumps, violations of handling conditions, and inadequate control.



In response to the recommendations provided by the SAI of Ukraine to the auditee, the authorized body of Ukraine, which ensures the implementation of the provisions of the Basel Convention (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine), began testing the Information System on the cross-border transportation of Green List waste in 2020. This system allows for the creation and provision of a conclusion on the classification of waste, which is the object of export or import to the Green List, in electronic form through the electronic office of the business entity to simplify the procedure for obtaining such a document.



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Further monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the SAI of Ukraine in 2024 showed that obtaining a notification for the transboundary movement of hazardous waste or a conclusion on the transboundary movement of waste with hazardous properties in Ukraine is carried out automatically through the state services online platform "Diia." The standardization of procedures reduces the risk of human errors and intentional wrongful acts.

Automating these processes not only simplifies the procedure for obtaining documents but also prevents potential corruption through procedural transparency, preservation of all available data, and providing access to the portal's databases to all interested supervisory authorities. Thus, the implemented actions not only enhance the efficiency and transparency of control over transboundary movements of hazardous waste but also significantly reduce the risks of fraud and corruption, making them an example of best practices in this area.