

FINAL INTERNSHIP REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

As a part of my Master studies in Sustainable Development I did a 16-week internship (18 July – 7 November, 2011) at the Environment Protection Agency that was established in 2003 as an institution subordinate to the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania. Currently there are four departments at the Agency (Environment Protection State Control Department, Marine Research Department, Environmental Status Assessment Department and Environmental Research Department) and each one of them comprises of several divisions. I was doing my internship at the Waste and Polluted Territories Management Control Division within the Environment Protection State Control Department. My main duty was to assist in implementing the goals of the Division, which included various tasks depending on the daily activities of my colleagues and the head of the Division. However, the foremost area I specialized in was transboundary waste shipment.

I started my internship by reading a bunch of national and international legislation, since it lays foundation for the work that my colleagues and I do. The most important is the Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste, as well as its amendments, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and several national laws that set rules and procedures for waste shipment and related documentation.

2. TASKS / DAILY ACTIVITIES

Most of my daily tasks could be divided into the following categories:

- Notifications for transboundary waste shipment. Generally it involves receiving required documentation (notification and movement forms, route, a list of carriers, contract between the notifier and the consignee and financial guarantee, if necessary), checking whether it complies with specific requirements, forwarding it to other competent authorities concerned and making the decision to either grant consent to waste shipment or not. Sometimes, even though all documents seem to be fine, we still cannot approve the intention to ship waste, for example if waste importer does not have the required technical capacity or necessary facilities to dispose