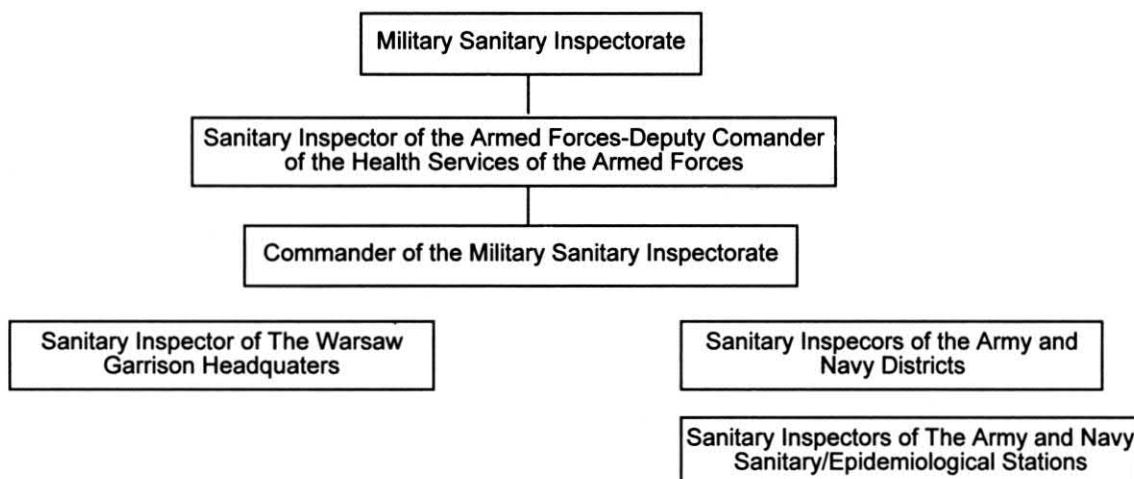


STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SANITARY/EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SERVICES OF THE POLISH ARMED FORCES

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1. Structure



Senior Medical Officer of the Military Unit (beginning from the company level) is responsible for the organization of the sanitary-hygiene surveillance of the respective terrain using the health service personnel.

2. Functions

Military Sanitary Inspection is responsible for organization and execution of the permanent sanitary surveillance of the terrain supervised by the Military with respect to the observance of the rules of hygiene and elimination of the detected shortcomings (terrain and buildings used for troop housing, stores and magazines of the Military Office of Commerce, infants nurseries and kindergartens supervised by the Military, permanent quarters of the professional army personnel, state companies manufacturing products for the Army).

- **executes:** prophylactic and current sanitary surveillance of the social conditions of work and service, cooperation with respect to radiological protection of the personnel in and permanent and temporary dwellings,
- surveys the sanitary conditions in and around structures used for food storage, preparation and consumption (canteens, mess-rooms)
- prevents the development of infections and the military service-specific diseases, eliminates health hazards from contaminations, dirt and pollutions.

Tasks of the Health Services of the Polish Armed

Forces with respect to the sanitary-hygienic protection.

- I. Responsible for implementation of the sanitary-hygienic and epidemiological protection measures are commanders of the military health services at appropriate levels of command.
- II. The army and Navy districts' sanitary/epidemiological stations serve as executive organs of the commanders of the districts' health services with respect to the supervision of the sanitary-hygienic status of the districts.
- III. Animal food products are supervised by the Military Veterinary Sanitary Inspectorate which is part of the Health Services of the Armed Forces.
- IV. Executive organs responsible for organization and coordination of supervision of the sanitary-hygienic and epidemiological status in the Military are the Central and District's Military Sanitary Inspectorates.

Tasks:

during peacetime:

1. Preservation of good health and maintenance of proper physical status of soldiers through:
 - permanent supervision of the observance of the sanitary and hygienic regulations,

- checking, observation and estimation of the conditions of service, work and lodgings,
 - checking of the feeding conditions and of the quality of food products and drinking water.
2. Participation in health education of soldiers.
 3. Analysis of the causes of illnesses.
 4. Recommending improvements in health conditions.
 5. Cooperation with the civilian health services.

additionaly during war:

1. Evaluation of data on contaminations with radio-isotopes, toxins and biological materials.

2. Organization of laboratories for the detection and identification of biological materials.

During wartime, sanitary-hygienic supervision and anti-epidemic actions will be provided by the means and measures of the anti-epidemic battalions, sanitary/epidemiological stations of the military districts, and anti-epidemic subunits.

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