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Types of Localities in the Standardization of Locality Names in Poland



DZIENNIK USTAW RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ

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THE ACT

of 19 August 2003

on Official Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects

Art. 3.

1. Official names are established, changed and abolished for:

- 1) inhabited localities and their parts;
- 2) uninhabited localities and their parts;
- 3) physiographic objects.

2. *When establishing official names referred to in par. 1, the type of the given locality or physiographic object is also determined. The provisions of the Act concerning the establishment and changes of their names shall apply accordingly to the determination and change of the type of locality or physiographic object.*

Types of localities in Poland (22):

- urban areas:
 - town [no distinction in Polish between 'city' and 'town']
 - part of a town
- rural areas (independent localities):
 - village
 - housing estate
 - colony
 - settlement
 - hamlet
 - forest settlement
- rural areas (non-independent localities)
 - part of a village
 - housing estate of a village
 - part of a colony
 - colony of a village
 - colony of a colony
 - colony of a settlement
 - part of a settlement
 - settlement of a village
 - settlement of a colony
 - settlement of a settlement
 - hamlet of a colony
 - hamlet of a settlement
 - forest settlement of a village
 - hamlet of a village



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