



# Water Laws Enforcement in Israel

# The Israeli Governmental Authority for Water and Sewage is responsible over the whole



Recycling



Planning



Sewage  
Collection



Production



Supply



Quality

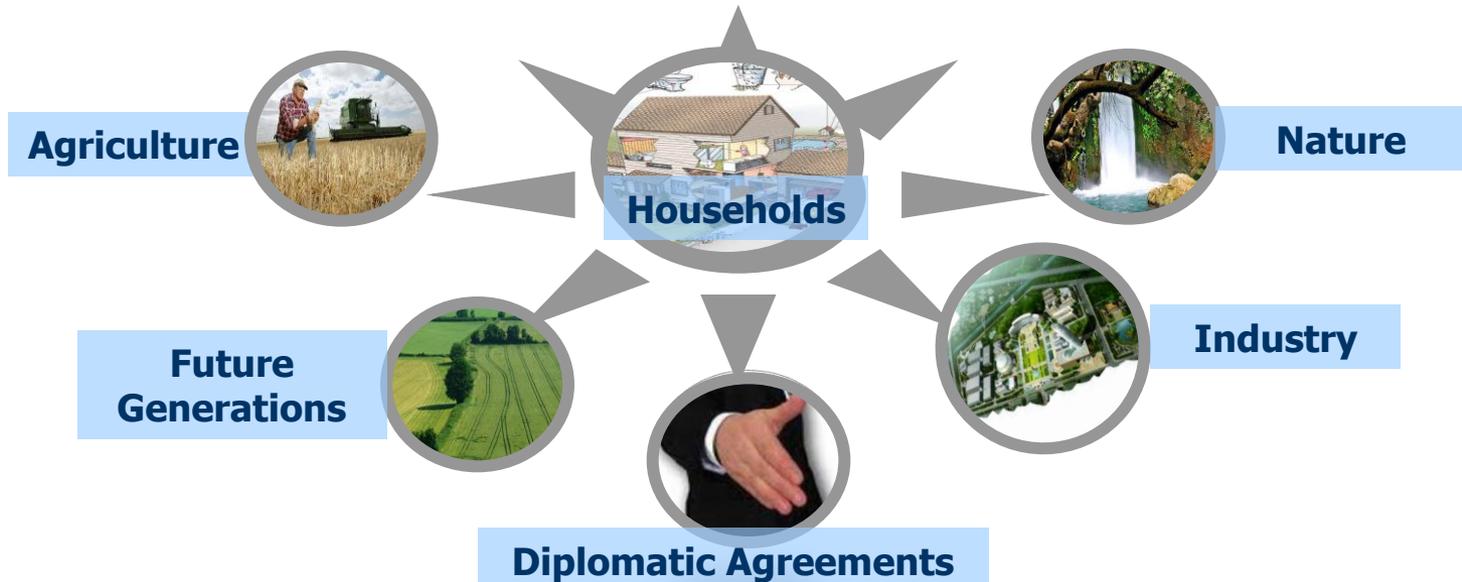


Conveyance



Desalination

## WATER SUPPLY CHAIN



# 3 Means of Enforcement

- Criminal Law enforcement - including investigation, indictment and legal proceedings in court.
- Administrative enforcement - including preventing licenses, imposing conditions on licenses, imposing financial sanctions
- Economic incentives to avoid violations

# 3 Test Cases

- Water production in validation of the production license's terms, or in its absence
- Inadequate or discriminatory water supply by a licensed supplier
- Contamination of sewage beyond the allowed thresholds

# Test Case 1

Water production in validation of the production license's terms, or in its absence

## From The Israeli Water Law - chapter 1:

**“The country's water resources are public property, controlled by the state and are designated for the needs of its residents and the development of the country..”**

**“”Water resources”, for the purpose of this law, include: springs, streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, either surface or ground water, natural or artificial, standing or flowing, including drainage water and sewage”**

# Case 1 - Assessment

- Adequacy of the law: sufficient
- Monitoring: sufficient
- Inspection: should be more focused
- Audit: sufficient
- Enforcement:
  - Economic incentives – sufficient
  - Criminal law – Investigation capability is lacking, the process is slow but effective.

## Test Case 2

**Inadequate or discriminatory  
water supply by a licensed  
supplier**

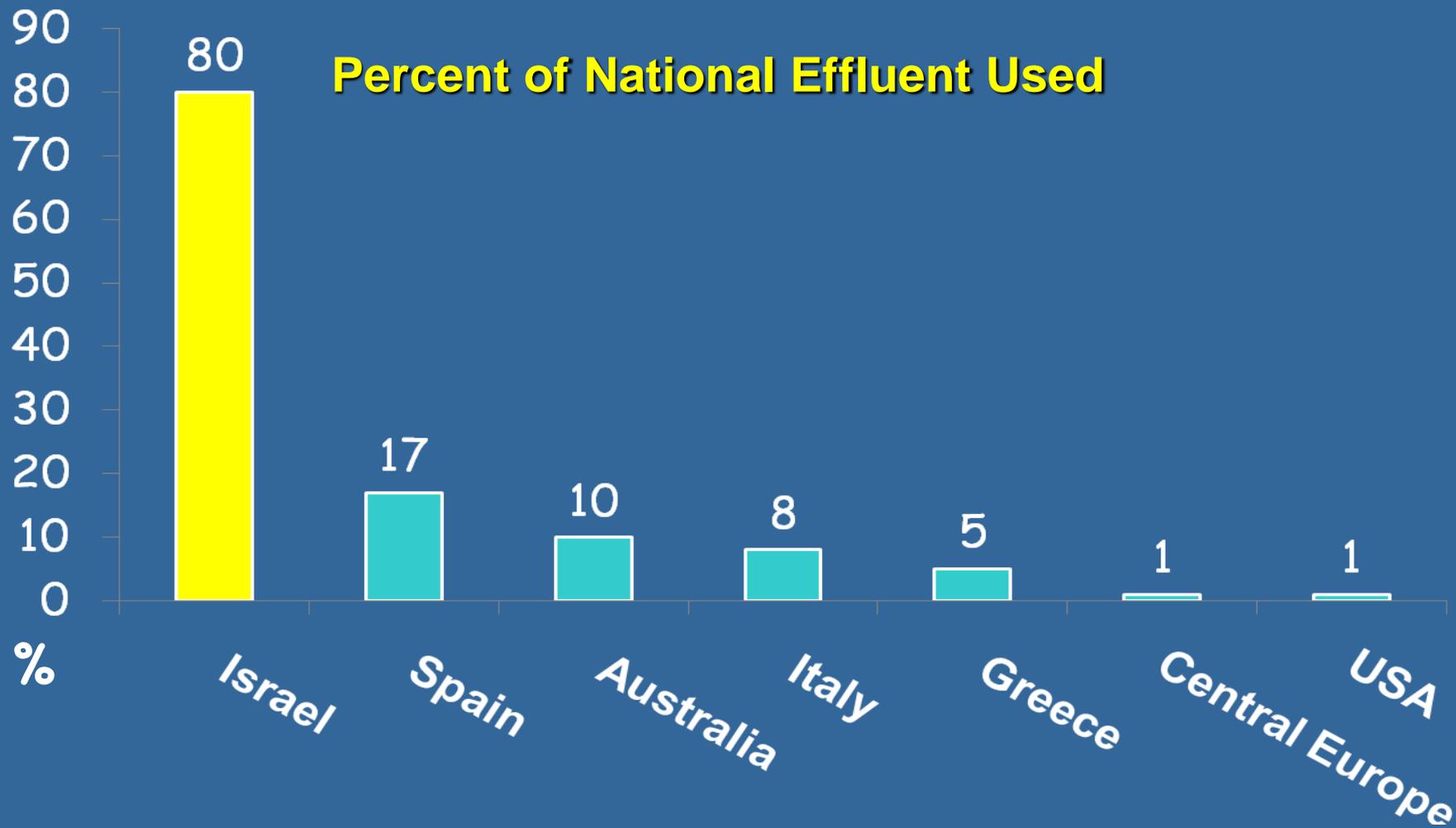
# Case 2 - Assessment

- Adequacy of the Water and Sewage Corporates law: sufficient
- Monitoring: insufficient (consumer complaints monitoring)
- Inspection: in its first stages
- Audit: insufficient
- Enforcement:
  - Economic incentives – potentially sufficient
  - Administrative – potentially sufficient

## Test Case 3

**Contamination of sewage  
beyond the allowed  
quality thresholds**

# Effluent Quantity for Irrigation:



**Next Steps (Improvements Within 5-7 Years):**  
**Israel will increase use of the total national effluent produced each year from 80% to 90%**

# Case 3 - Assessment

- Adequacy of the law: sufficient
- Monitoring: sufficient
- Inspection: sufficient
- Audit: sufficient
- Enforcement:
  - Criminal – very slow
  - Economic incentives –sufficient

# Improving Compliance

- Including administrative enforcement tools in the Water Law
- Strengthening investigation capabilities
- Improving monitoring and inspection capabilities over suppliers compliance to adequate levels of service.



Thank You  
For Listening