

POLAND: Nazi CDs seized

CUSTOMS OFFICERS seized hundreds of nazi hate music CDs in Poland at the end of October. The CDs had been shipped from the USA and were on their way to Germany but were intercepted by officials in Wroclaw who opened the package and found 300 CDs with nazi lyrics and illustrations.

The CDs, mostly of notorious German nazi hate rock outfits such as Hassgesang and Landser, had apparently been posted on by a Polish citizen living in Opole in southwest Poland.

Most of the CD covers showed extremist imagery, including pictures of Hitler, barbed wire from Second World War Nazi concentration camps and a canister of Zyklon B, the gas used in the Nazi death camps.

Landser was the first nazi band to be outlawed in Germany after being convicted for “defaming the memory of

the dead of the Second World War” in 2003. Some of Landser’s songs are anti-Polish, one declaring that “Gdansk, Wroclaw and Szczecin are German cities just like Berlin”.

Ironically, the sleeve to one of Landser’s CDs was produced in Poland. Rafal Pankowski, of the Polish anti-fascist organisation Never Again commented: “It doesn’t surprise me that fascist materials are coming from the USA to Germany through Poland. The law is more liberal in the States which makes it easier to send material of this type and in Poland anti-fascist regulations are less rigorously enforced than in Germany.”

A police spokesman later admitted that packages such as the one intercepted in Wroclaw were quite common: “A considerable amount of fascist material is sent here from the UK and USA,” he said.

