

Department	CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
Ministry	BARBADOS REVENUE AGENCY

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Barbados Customs and Excise Department (CED) is committed to establishing and maintaining the balance between facilitating legitimate trade and travel and enforcing legislation. Barbados is a member of the World Customs Organisation (WCO), the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC). The Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) is used to classify goods and establish rates of duty.

The CED is also responsible for monitoring the exportation of goods and has adopted procedures which facilitate the exporting of goods, while ensuring compliance with national legislation.

Impact of Electronic Single Window (ESW)

Under ESW, traders can create and submit license, permit, certificate and other form (LPCO) applications, edit previously created applications and obtain approval, all online without having to physically visit the Participating Government Agency (PGA) offices. Multiple PGAs can review applications at the same time and traders benefit from improved transparency of the process.

Interactive tools will guide traders, or those interested in trading, through the product classification process. This will reduce errors in describing commodities, account for trade agreements, provide duty rates, outline requirements and determine what LPCOs are needed, thereby improving data quality and expediting the approval process.

Under ESW, the CED will have an efficient, streamlined electronic certification process, receive better quality data, be able to ask questions of traders to clarify the nature of the subject goods and benefit from the coordination of the approval process among agencies. The ESW will provide the CED with a suite of customizable reports to access trade data immediately, and a data warehouse that can be used in the future to develop its own reports.

The ESW will enable the CED to improve its inspection and inspector scheduling processes. In addition, inspectors will have the ability to release shipments onsite using mobile devices.

Web Site

<http://customs.gov.bb/Home.php>