

Department	<b>PESTICIDES CONTROL BOARD</b>
Ministry	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FISHERIES & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Mandate/Responsibilities**

The Pesticides Control Board ensures a high level of protection for the environment, the health and safety of agricultural workers and consumers from dangerous chemicals by providing information and advice in support of the legislation and regulations for the management of pesticides in Barbados. It also regulates the importation, management and use of pesticides in Barbados through registration and licensing and enforces compliance with legislation and regulations.

**Impact of Electronic Single Window (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 Pesticide Control Board 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 Pesticide Control Board 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.

It will also have an enhanced ability to schedule inspections and inspectors. In addition, inspectors will have the ability to release shipments onsite using mobile devices.

**Web Site**

[http://www.agriculture.gov.bb/agri/index.php?option=com\\_content&id=231:about-pesticides-control-board&Itemid=65](http://www.agriculture.gov.bb/agri/index.php?option=com_content&id=231:about-pesticides-control-board&Itemid=65)

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