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Department	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE (MFAFT)
Ministry	MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Ministry is responsible for co-ordinating Barbados' relations with foreign governments, as well as regional and international organizations. It seeks to create opportunities for Barbados in the field of foreign trade through the negotiation and monitoring of the relevant agreements and treaties

Impact of Electronic Single Window (ESW)

The MFAFT is responsible for ensuring that returning Barbados nationals are qualified for the benefits of the Barbados Networkers Programme (BNP). The BNP facilitates the resettlement of nationals by providing for the duty free entry of their household effects, tools/equipment of their trade or profession and one vehicle per family into Barbados.

If the MFAFT approves the national, the individual will be provided with a letter informing the Comptroller of Customs that the person is eligible for the requisite benefits under the BNP.

It is expected that much of this process will be moved online under the ESW.

Under ESW, the BIDC 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 BIDC with a suite of customizable reports to access trade data immediately, and a data warehouse that can be used in the future to develop their own reports.

Web Site

<http://www.bidc.org/>

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