

Department	BARBADOS INVESTMENT and DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BIDC)
Ministry	MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Export Development and Promotion Division of the BIDC is the Certification Authority for all Trade Agreements with the exception of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), which is administered by the Barbados Customs and Excise Department.

BIDC issues Certificates of Origin for Barbadian exporters wishing to ship their goods under one of the following agreements:

- The Caribbean Community and Common market (CARICOM)
- The Caribbean Basin Recovery Act
- CARICOM/Venezuela
- CARICOM/Colombia
- CARICOM/Dominican Republic
- The Commonwealth Caribbean and Canada (CARIBCAN)
- Generalized System of Preferences (16 countries plus EEC) - GSP
- CARICOM/Cuba
- CARICOM/Costa Rica.

Impact of Electronic Single Window (ESW)

In the ESW environment it will be possible for an exporter to complete the certificate of origin application online, receive approval and print an original certificate without having to visit the BIDC office. Additional copies can also be printed as required. The core information provided for the application will also be available to the exporter when completing the Customs Export declaration form which removes the need to enter certain information more than once.

If other Participating Government Agencies (PGA) are involved, traders can create and submit license, permit, certificate and other form (LPCO) applications, edit previously created applications and obtain approval, all online. Multiple PGAs can review applications at the same time and traders benefit from improved transparency of the process.

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/>