

Department	AGRICULTURE SERVICES UNIT
Ministry	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FISHERIES & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Agriculture Services Unit fosters agricultural development in Barbados through the use of concessions and incentives to reduce operational costs.

The Unit registers farmers and processes concessions & incentives applications, including duty free vehicles. It also provides recommendations to Town and Country Planning relating to land use policy.

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 Agricultural Services Unit 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 Agricultural Services Unit 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 Agricultural Services Unit 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&view=article&id=68&Itemid=83