

Department	TELECOMS UNIT DIVISION OF ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Ministry	PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Telecoms Unit has both a regulatory and licensing function in the area of telecommunications.

The Telecoms Unit's responsibilities include ensuring that telecoms equipment imported into Barbados meets appropriate standards. There is no electronic information exchange between the Telecoms Unit and the Customs and Excise Department (CED). The importation of certain telecoms equipment requires the importer to have valid seller and dealer licenses which form part of the import documentation.

Impact of ESW

The Telecoms Unit will be involved in the ESW environment through the automation and incorporation of seller and dealer license information.

The ESW will provide licensing information online to allow the CED system to automatically check against the seller or dealer license information to ensure that it is valid. An importer will be able to apply for seller and dealer licenses online, without having to visit local offices.

Under ESW, the Telecoms 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 Telecoms 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.

Web Site

<http://www.telecoms.gov.bb/>