

Department	CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (CAIPO)
Ministry	MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, COMMERCE & SMALL BUSINESS

Mandate/Responsibilities

The responsibilities of CAIPO are broad and include the incorporation and registration of companies (both domestic and external) as well as the regulation of the commercial activities of international businesses, foreign sales corporations, exempt insurance and management companies and off-shore banks.

CAIPO is also responsible for the registration and maintenance of public records relating to business names, limited partnerships, newspapers, pharmacies, charities, bills of sale and company charges and for the grant and registration of patents, trade and service marks, industrial designs and other intellectual property rights.

Impact of Electronic Single Window (ESW)

When a corporation registers on ESW, it has the option of entering its corporate registration number as part of its identification.

The alignment of the corporation number with ESW permits cross-referencing with other processes and functions for confirmation or verification purposes.

For example, the registration process for VAT requires the submission of the certificate of incorporation. This could be dispensed with if it were possible to verify the details automatically through the corporate registration number in ESW.

Web Site

<http://www.caipo.gov.bb/site/index.php>