

Department	BARBADOS DRUG SERVICE
Ministry	MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Mandate / Responsibilities

The Barbados Drug Service (BDS) of the Ministry of Health provides quality drugs and related items to all Government healthcare institutions, as well as medication free of charge to residents of Barbados who qualify. It also makes provision for persons not benefiting from the Special Benefit Program to receive medication at an affordable cost.

The BDS certifies the duty free importation of certain drugs and processes manufacturer’s certification for export.

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 BDS offices. Multiple Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) can review applications at the same time and traders benefit from improved transparency of the process.

The BDS will use the ESW to process authorizations for narcotic imports and exports, psychotropic imports and exports, therapeutic licenses and duty free certificates.

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 BDS 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 BDS 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.

It 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://drugservice.health.gov.bb/>

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