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Department	<b>MINISTRY OF HEALTH - CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER</b>
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**Mandate / Responsibilities**

The mission of the Ministry of Health is to ensure that comprehensive health services are provided to all Barbadians. The Ministry of Health is the executing agency for the delivery of health care in the public sector and has responsibility for planning, regulation and evaluation across the public, private and NGO sectors.

The Chief Medical Officer is responsible for all technical and professional aspects of the health service

**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 government offices. Multiple Participating Government Agencies (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 Chief Medical Officer will have an efficient, streamlined electronic approval 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 Chief Medical Officer 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.health.gov.bb/index.php/ministry\\_of\\_health](http://www.health.gov.bb/index.php/ministry_of_health)