

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

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Veterinary Services Department is responsible for ensuring that Barbados maintains a resilient supply of safe food of animal origin while safeguarding the health and welfare of animals and facilitating trade in animal products. This is accomplished, in part, by enforcing the laws and regulations governing the importation of animals, animal products and animal by-products, including issuing import permits, inspection certificates and phytosanitary certificates for export products.

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, Veterinary Services 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 Veterinary Services 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.

Veterinary Services 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://agriculture.gov.bb/agri/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=91

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