

Department	<b>NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION OF BARBADOS</b>
Ministry	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FISHERIES & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Mandate/Responsibilities**

The National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) protects plant health and biodiversity in Barbados by ensuring the safe production and importation of crops, crop products and food. It is responsible for issuing import licenses and phytosanitary certificates for the importation of live plants and plant material.

**Impact of Electronic Single Window**

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, the NPPO 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 NPPO with a suite of customizable reports to access trade data immediately, and a data warehouse that can be used in the future to develop their own reports.

The NPPO 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://www.agriculture.gov.bb/agri/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=209&Itemid=88](http://www.agriculture.gov.bb/agri/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=209&Itemid=88)

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