

Department	FISHERIES DIVISION
Ministry	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FISHERIES & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mandate/Responsibilities

The Fisheries Division has responsibility for three areas which have a direct impact on the importation and exportation of goods:

- Registration of fishery workers, boat owners, vendors and processors
- Certification of duty free exemption for those involved in the fishing industry
- Importation of fish products for primary or secondary manufacturing.

Duty free exemptions are available to boat owners for equipment related to fishing, for example fishing gear, spare parts, boats, engines etc.

Companies that manufacture fish products have access to duty free concessions to import fish for further manufacturing.

Impact of Electronic Single Window (ESW)

Traders, boat owners, vendors and processors 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 Fisheries Division 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 Fisheries Division 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.

The Division 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&id=67&Itemid=82