The Barbados Customs and Excise Department (CED) requested that ASYCUDAWorld (AW) provides electronic data sharing and further automation in the logistics of the supply chain of commercial imports cleared within 24 hours after payment of duties during the first quarter of 2020.

**Situation**

CED and Barbados Port Inc. (BPI) did not have data sharing mechanisms in relation to the cargo declaration or the clearance processing. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) is responsible for processing licence applications to import and export goods which are manually prepared and submitted by traders, and subsequently processed by DCCA.

**Solution**

CED and BPI embarked on building electronic data exchange mechanisms between AW and BPI systems to:

- Forward to BPI’s system advance cargo manifest data before arrival
- Send to BPI’s system immediate notification when a Customs release order is issued
- Receive immediate notification in AW when BPI is delivering shipments to consignees.

ASYCUDA built an e-document to allow traders to apply online for import trade licences. DCCA approves licences, so traders can submit their declarations linking the approved licence.

**Result**

CED and BPI now share the same information related to cargo, thus reducing paper-driven transactions and minimizing associated costs. Many manual processes were improved to speed-up the release of cargo, such as:

- BPI’s logistics due to advance manifest information
- Border regulatory agencies on-site goods’ release
- Automatic generation of release orders
- Use of mobile devices at the exit gate to verify leaving shipments.

The DCCA automated process has made possible new facilitation measures:

- Online application for import licences
- Improved and reduced DCCA’s processing times
- Quicker turnaround clearance time by border regulatory agencies.
Interoperability with Key Partners

Barbados

Total Number of Customs Offices

- 7 Computerized
- 0 Paper-based

Volume of Activity (2019)

- Exports (2019): 259 Million US$
- Imports (2019): 1,472 Million US$
- Customs Manifests: 19,588
- Customs Waybills: 192,530
- Import Declarations: 207,310
- Export Declarations: 16,261
- Persons Trained: 758