



BARBADOS

Interoperability with Key Partners

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

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.

60%

**of commercial imports
cleared within 24 hours after
payment of duties during
the first quarter of 2020**

This photo was taken before the COVID19 pandemic.



**[ASYCUDAWorld] creates
transparency where we can now
streamline all processes. We
are able to report accurately on
the importation of goods and to
collect the duties on those goods.**

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*Owen Holder,
Comptroller of Customs*

Partners:





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Total Number of Customs Offices

7



7 Computerized



0 Paper-based

Volume of Activity

(2019)



19,588

Customs **Manifests**



192,530

Customs **Waybills**



207,310

Import Declarations



16,261

Export Declarations

Exports (2019)

259

Million US\$



Imports (2019)

1,472

Million US\$

758



Persons Trained