The recent ASYCUDAWorld upgrade includes several new functional features to facilitate the importation of motor vehicles into the twin-island nation.

Situation

To import vehicles into Trinidad and Tobago, traders must first obtain an import licence from the Ministry of Trade, get clearance from customs, finalize roadworthiness checks and register imports at the licensing division of the Ministry of Works and Transport. Despite ASYCUDAWorld automating the customs process, other administrative hurdles facing traders were manual or partially automated.

Solution

Customs made additional information relating to motor vehicles available in ASYCUDAWorld to expedite clearance and reduce the opportunity for unethical practices. These features included:

- Identifying transported motor vehicles in the manifest
- Pulling vehicle details from the waybill to the declaration for tax calculation and relief, and statistical analysis
- Quicker customs inspection at the port through a web application
- Digital verification of motor vehicles during government registration process

Result

Some impacts of the project are:

- Expedited offloading and control at the port of entry
- Quicker turnaround time for customs clearance
- Faster delivery to importers
- Enhanced valuation checks
- Impossible manipulation of hard copies during government registration process
- Consistent data throughout the process

In 2019, the average processing time [...] per customs declaration was 23.7 hours. This has been reduced by 52% and currently stands at 11.2 hours per declaration in 2021.
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Total number of customs offices

- **28**
  - **28** Computerized
  - **0** Paper-based

Volume of activity (2021)

- **$10.7 Billion** (Exports 2021)
- **$5.5 Billion** (Imports 2021)

- **9,172** Customs manifests
- **545,072** Customs waybills
- **125,631** Import declarations
- **63,703** Export declarations

Number of motor vehicles Imported in 2021

- **13,008**

Persons trained

- **2,100+**