



VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a world class Customs Administration recognized for our administrative and operational efficiency.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to expedite and facilitate legitimate trade and travel, while collecting and protecting Government revenue, safeguarding the health, security and economic viability of our Nation and continuously providing high quality services to all persons.

CORE VALUES

Integrity
Accountability
Transparency
Professionalism

PUBLIC NOTICE

Paperless Cargo Clearance and Discontinuation of Printed Customs Release Orders

The Barbados Customs and Excise Department advises the trading community that, effective 24 July 2026, persons clearing cargo are no longer required to present a printed Customs Release Order or other documents already submitted electronically through the ASYCUDA World system.

This change applies to all cargo clearances, including goods moving under the T1 transit procedure.

To facilitate verification and release, persons clearing cargo should provide Customs personnel with:

- the relevant Customs Reference Number (CRN); or
- for T1 shipments, the applicable T1 reference number.

Customs officers will use the information available electronically within ASYCUDA World to verify the status of the declaration and facilitate the release of the cargo.

Customers may present printed documents for their own convenience; however, this is optional and must not be treated as a mandatory requirement for cargo clearance. This does not remove the obligation to submit all declarations and supporting documents required by law through the prescribed electronic processes.

This measure supports the Department's established paperless policy, improves the efficiency of cargo clearance and reduces unnecessary administrative requirements for the trading public.

The cooperation of all stakeholders is appreciated.

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