

BESW
HOURS OF
OPERATION:
24HRS



NEW EXPORT PROCESS

for a 20Ft Container of Furniture

SAVE TIME, MONEY :
BEGIN CLEARANCE
PROCESS AT ANY
TIME!

BAHAMAS ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM (BESW)

Step	Process	Time
1	Exporter books export shipment with carrier.	15 Min
2	Electronic submission of declaration, C1 and all supporting documents.	
3	The Officer examines and approves documents on site (handheld device).	
4	Trucker delivers 20' container to port not less than 6 hours before sailing and during regular operating hours and is processed by port gate inspectors.	
5	Broker prepares documentation in BESW system using inventory and value of good documentation.	20 Min
6	<p>If APPROVED – BESW will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronically process Declaration and assign a Transaction # - Generate “Declaration ready for payment” message - Provide all charges applicable to the shipment. <p>If REJECTED because documentation has errors, a message identifying the specific error will be provided.</p>	
7	<p>Exporter pays through any of the following Payment options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online via Credit/Debit card (Visa or Mastercard) - Wire transfer (RBC receiving bank) - Credit note to be approved (to be applied first and then pay balance with one of available options) - Importer may print declaration invoice for manual payment at Customs. Printed invoice will contain bar code to expedite processing and ensure accuracy at Customs window. 	



TRADING ACROSS BORDERS WORKSHOP

The **BAHAMAS ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM (BESW)** heralds a new day in Bahamas import/export processing, hallmarked by speed, efficiency and 24-hour service.

BESW significantly increases the ease of doing business.



ESTIMATED TIME: **35 Mins**





OLD IMPORT PROCESS

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ENTRY PROCESSING HOURS OF OPERATION:
8am - 4pm
Monday - Friday

8AM-4PM
PROCESSING TIME
RESTRICTIVE,
OPPORTUNITIES
LOST

ELECTRONIC CUSTOMS AUTOMATED SYSTEM (eCAS)

Step	Process	Time
1	Collect documents from shipping company - Carrier release - Bill of lading.	
2	Hire a broker (or self-perform). Provide broker with supporting documents (<i>Bill of Lading & Invoices</i>).	
3	Broker prepares C-13 form.	15 Mins
4	eCAS submission enters queue for routing to Customs "officer" to review. * <i>Time estimate is dependent on when the entry is submitted. If submitted after 2pm the entry may not be processed until the following day.</i>	1 Hr
5	Customs officers retrieves entry and completes entry examination processing. * <i>May be longer due to high volume of entries.</i>	2 Hrs
6	If APPROVED – eCAS assigns Document Reference # and automated message is generated by E-CAS stating "Ready for payment". If REJECTED automated message is generated stating reason for rejection (eg. <i>Invoice incorrect</i>). Revised entry is then re-submitted and process goes back to step 4.	
7	Broker prints C-13 with document reference # visible and takes to Customs cashier.	20 Mins
8	Broker takes Customs receipt, and bill of lading to Examination Window and will be issued out of charge.	30 Mins
9	Broker presents trucker with Out Of Charge and Carrier Release.	20 Mins
10	Trucker enters NCP Port Gate and presents Out Of Charge and Carrier Release.	5 Mins
11	Trucker moves to loaded container row and receives container.	15 Mins
12	Trucker is processed at port exit gate by Customs and port inspectors.	5 Mins
13	Trucker delivers container to importer.	
14	Customs officer meets container at importer's location and inspects contents.	2 Hrs

ESTIMATED TIME: **6 hrs 50 Mins**



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2	Hire a broker (or self-perform). Provide broker with supporting documents (<i>Bill of Lading & Invoices</i>).	
3	Broker prepares "Declaration" in BESW (Bahamas Electronic Single Window) System and uploads <i>Bill of Lading & Invoices</i> * <i>At this time broker also requests direct delivery with date and time.</i>	15 Mins
4	BESW system validates entry and document.	
5	If APPROVED – BESW will - Electronically process Declaration and assign a Transaction # - Generate "Declaration ready for payment" message - Provide all charges applicable to the shipment. If REJECTED - a message identifying the specific error will be provided.	15 Mins
6	Importer pays through any of the following Payment options: - Online via Credit/Debit card (<i>Visa or Mastercard</i>) - Wire transfer (RBC receiving bank) - Credit note to be approved (to be applied first and then pay balance with one of available options) - Importer may print declaration invoice for manual payment at Customs. Printed invoice will contain bar code to expedite processing and ensure accuracy at Customs window.	
7	Once payment has taken place (online or manual) and manifest is received, the BESW System provides option to print release order. This however, is not a necessary step, as to the BESW system sending an EDI message to the port and Customs releasing inspectors.	
8	Broker provides trucker with Bill of Lading if not provided previously.	20 Mins
9	Trucker enters NCP Port Gate and presents Carrier release and Bill of lading.	15 Mins
10	Trucker moves to loaded container row and receives container.	15 Mins
11	Trucker is processed at port exit gate by Customs and port inspectors.	15 Mins
12	Trucker delivers container to importer.	
13	Customs officer meets targeted container at importer's location and inspects contents. (number of targeted containers expected to reduce as BESW system develops history of supplier and importers) * <i>Assuming ocean carrier has been paid.</i>	2 Hrs

ESTIMATED TIME: **3 hrs 35 Mins**



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1	Exporter books export shipment with carrier.	
2	Exporter manually submits C1 and supporting documents to Customs	15 Mins
3	Customs Officer examines, approves documents and seals container	2 Hrs
4	Trucker delivers 20' container to port not less than 6 hours before sailing and during regular operating hours and is processed by port gate inspectors	
5	Broker submits C30 with approved documents into eCAS	15 mins
6	Export entry C-30 prepared in E-CAS.	15 Mins
7	eCAS submission enters queue for routing to Customs Officers to review	1 Hr
8	Entry is processed by Customs Officer * <i>May be longer due to high volume of entries.</i>	2 Hrs
9	If APPROVED – eCAS assigns Document Reference # and automated message is generated by eCAS stating "Ready for payment". If REJECTED automated message is generated stating reason for rejection (eg. <i>Invoice incorrect</i>). Revised entry is then re-submitted and process goes back to step 6.	
10	Broker prints C-30 with document reference # visible and takes to Customs cashier.	20 Mins

ESTIMATED TIME: **6 hrs 5 Mins**