

1. NAME OF SYSTEM

STRB - Import Permit Processing System.

2. PURPOSE

To issue import permits; to assist in the control of imports; and to provide management information.

3. DESCRIPTION

The Import Permit Processing System is set up as a data base on the IST's Amdahl computer in Montreal. The data base system used is ADABASE. 32 regional offices and headquarters can access the data base for the purpose of issuing import permits. Applications can be entered from any one of the 33 entry points and the permit can be issued at the same 33 points. The point of entry need not be the point of issue.

4. SCOPE OF THE SYSTEM

66 commodities that appear in the Act (Export and Import Permits Act) are covered by the system. Permits are issued against three criteria: (i) surveillance; (ii) restraint; and (iii) quota.

5. KEY USERS AFFECTED

The Special Trade Relations Bureau (STRB), Textile Clothing Board, Manufacturers Association, and importers who want to know their account stations.

6. OPERATED BY

Facilities Management Contract at IST in Montreal.

7. FREQUENCY

As a data base system it is updated continuously.

8. KEY INPUTS

Import Permit Application Form (Ext 1007).

9. KEY OUTPUTS

Import Permits; Reports (80); Ad Hoc enquiries about 14,500 average/month and peaking to 19,000.

10. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SYSTEMS

Stand alone but has the potential to be linked to the CEPACS system in Revenue Canada - Customs and Excise.