

BARBADOS NETWORK **PROGRAMME**

(PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE RETURNING NATIONALS PROGRAMME)

With effect from September 1st, 2010, the following significant changes have been made to the **Barbados Network Programme** which was previously called the Returning Nationals Programme:

- The minimum age has been removed and Barbadians under the age of 50 and returning home now qualify for the duty free concession. This expands the target group of the Programme beyond the traditional retiree to encompass younger Barbadian entrepreneurs with marketable skills and viable business initiatives;
- A Barbadian national who is a citizen by birth, descent, registration or naturalization will qualify for the programme once he was continuously resident abroad for ten years immediately prior to resettlement;
- The requirement that a Barbadian by descent or marriage must have resided at least 183 days in Barbados prior to emigrating in order to be eligible for the programme will also be removed;
- After resettlement, motor vehicles must now be retained for **five (5) years**. This period was three (3) years previously.
- The Barbados Networker will now only be interviewed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in an effort to simplify the administrative process in relation to the importation of personal effects and motor vehicles.