

Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Vanuatu / Republic of Vanuatu (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within Vanuatu.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Vanuatuan laws: • Contract law (English common-law based) • Consumer Protection principles (general civil protections; no unified statute) • Electronic Transactions Act (developing framework) • Product Safety & Standards — Vanuatu Bureau of Standards (VBS) • Civil Procedure Rules (Magistrates' Court & Supreme Court) Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Private rental agreements are valid under Vanuatu common-law principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Vanuatu has NO income tax and NO VAT. However: • Business Licence requirements may apply • Customs duties apply to imports Record keeping: recommended minimum 5 years.
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • actual provable damage • causation Gross negligence or intentional acts cannot be excluded. Template limits: • 270 USD per rental • 900 USD Mobility (unless overridden by mandatory Vanuatuan rules) Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Equipment/business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal General consumer-law principles apply. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal for fixed-date rentals. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if defective, unsafe or unusable
5. Data Protection Vanuatu has developing privacy principles but no GDPR-style unified law. Safe Standard®: • Stores no personal data • Stripe processes all payment information externally
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Vanuatuan civil courts. Foreign judgments may be recognised under common-law reciprocity. Arbitration permitted with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Vanuatu Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Vanuatu) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice if needed 5. Annex is NOT shared with the renter.