

Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Samoa / Independent State of Samoa (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within Samoa.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Samoan laws: • Contract Law (common-law based) • Consumer Protection Act 2023 (general consumer obligations) • Electronic Transactions Act 2008 • Product Safety & Standards — Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Labour (MCIL) • Civil Procedure Rules (Supreme Court & District Courts) Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Contract validity: private rental agreements are enforceable under Samoan civil/common-law principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT / GST: • Samoa Value Added Goods and Services Tax (VAGST): 15% Record keeping: minimum 5 years (Ministry for Revenue).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • actual provable damage • causation Gross negligence or intentional harm cannot be excluded. Template limits: • USD 270 per rental • USD 900 Mobility Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Equipment/business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal Consumer Protection Act applies. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal right for fixed-date rental services. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if unsafe, defective, or unusable.
5. Data Protection Samoa has developing privacy provisions but no GDPR-equivalent unified framework. Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes all payments externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Samoan courts. Foreign judgments may be recognized under reciprocal enforcement rules. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Samoa Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Samoa) 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 renter.