

# **Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Trinidad and Tobago / Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (2025.1 Public Template)**

Valid only for rentals occurring within Trinidad and Tobago.

## **ENGLISH VERSION**

1. National Legal Basis Relevant laws: • Contract Law (common-law based) • Consumer Protection and Safety Act • Electronic Transactions Act (ETA) • Electronic Transfer of Funds Act • Product Safety standards — Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) • Civil Proceedings Rules (CPR) Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless both parties agree otherwise. Private rental agreements are legally valid under common-law contract principles.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT: • Standard VAT rate: 12.5% Record keeping: minimum 6 years (Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or breach of duty • proven damage • causation Gross negligence or intent cannot be excluded. Template limits: • USD 270 per rental • USD 900 for Mobility (Valid unless overridden by mandatory law.) Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Equipment/business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal Consumer Protection and Safety Act applies. No 14-day EU-style withdrawal for fixed-date rentals. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if defective, unsafe, or unusable
5. Data Protection Applicable law: • Data Protection Act (Partially in force) Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes all payments.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Civil disputes handled by Magistrates' Courts or the High Court. Foreign judgments may be recognised through reciprocity or common-law rules. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Trinidad and Tobago Annex is for internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Trinidad and Tobago) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Use Damage Invoice if required 5. Annex is NOT given to the renter.