## Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Sierra Leone / Republic of Sierra Leone (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within Sierra Leone.

## **ENGLISH VERSION**

- 1. National Legal Basis Relevant Sierra Leonean laws: Contracts Act (common-law influenced) Consumer Protection principles (no unified statute) Electronic Transactions Act 2021 Product Safety & Standards Standards Bureau (SLBS) High Court & Magistrates' Court Civil Procedure Rules Jurisdiction: local court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Contract validity: private rental agreements are enforceable under Sierra Leone civil/common-law principles.
- 2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. GST (Goods and Services Tax): Standard GST rate: 15% Record keeping: minimum 6 years (National Revenue Authority NRA).
- 3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: negligence or fault provable actual damage causation Gross negligence or intentional harm cannot be excluded. Template limits (unless overridden by law): USD 270 per rental USD 900 for Mobility Recommended insurance: Public liability insurance Equipment/business insurance
- 4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal Consumer protection principles apply. No EU-style 14-day withdrawal right for fixed-date rentals. Refund rules: Before handover: per agreement After handover: only if unsafe, defective, or unusable.
- 5. Data Protection No comprehensive GDPR-style law. General privacy norms apply. Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes payments externally.
- 6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Sierra Leonean civil courts. Foreign judgments require recognition under domestic procedure. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
- 7. Use of Templates in Sierra Leone Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Sierra Leone) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice when needed 5. Annex is NOT given to the renter.