

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

Valid only for rentals occurring within Palau.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Palauan laws: • Contract law based on U.S.-influenced common-law principles • Consumer protection principles (general civil protections; no unified statute) • Electronic Transactions & Digital Records Act (limited framework) • Product Safety & Standards — Bureau of Standards & Inspection (developing) • Rules of Civil Procedure (Palau Supreme Court) Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Contract validity: private rental agreements are enforceable under Palauan civil/common law.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT-equivalent: • Palau has a Gross Revenue Tax (GRT): 4% for most businesses Record keeping: minimum 5 years (Bureau of Revenue & Taxation).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • provable actual damage • causation Gross negligence or intent cannot be excluded. Template limits: • 270 USD per rental • 900 USD for Mobility Recommended insurance: • General liability insurance • Equipment/business insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal No EU-style 14-day withdrawal rule. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only if defective, unsafe or unusable.
5. Data Protection Palau has limited data-protection legislation. General privacy norms apply. Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes payments externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Palauan civil courts. Foreign judgments require judicial recognition. Arbitration is allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Palau Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Palau) 2. Focus Checklist at handover 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice if required 5. Annex is NOT shared with renter.