

Safe Standard® – Country Annex: Lesotho / Kingdom of Lesotho (2025.1 Public Template)

Valid only for rentals occurring within Lesotho.

ENGLISH VERSION

1. National Legal Basis Relevant Lesotho laws: • Contract law based on Roman-Dutch common-law principles • Consumer Protection Policy (general civil protection) • Electronic Transactions & Online Commerce (developing framework) • Product Safety & Standards — Lesotho Bureau of Standards (LBOS) • High Court Rules & Subordinate Court Rules Jurisdiction: court where the rental occurs unless agreed otherwise. Contract validity: private rental agreements are enforceable under Lesotho law.
2. Tax and Reporting Rental income is taxable. VAT: • Standard VAT rate: 15% Record keeping: minimum 5 years (Lesotho Revenue Authority).
3. Liability and Insurance Liability requires: • negligence or fault • proven actual damage • causation Gross negligence or intent cannot be excluded. Template limits: • 270 USD per rental • 900 USD for Mobility Recommended insurance: • Public liability insurance • Business/equipment insurance
4. Consumer Rights & Withdrawal No EU-style 14-day withdrawal for fixed-date rental services. Refund rules: • Before handover: per agreement • After handover: only for defective, unsafe, or unusable items.
5. Data Protection Lesotho has developing data-protection norms (no unified GDPR-style statute). Safe Standard® stores no personal data; Stripe processes payments externally.
6. Enforcement & Cross-Border Cases Handled by Lesotho civil courts. Foreign judgments require recognition under High Court procedures. Arbitration allowed with written agreement.
7. Use of Templates in Lesotho Annex is internal reference only. Steps: 1. Rental Agreement (Country: Lesotho) 2. Focus Checklist 3. Photo Rule — No notes = No damage = No photos 4. Damage Invoice if needed 5. Annex is NOT shared with renter.