

Policy Recommendations: Papua New Guinea

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Policy recommendation (1)

OBJECTIVE	POLICY OPTIONS	WORKPLAN	TIMELINE	WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED	EXPECTED BENEFIT
I. MAKE NTMS SUPPORT THE DECISION MAKING OF POLICY MAKERS AND BUSINESSES	<p><u>(1) FIRST POLICY</u></p> <p>Publish trade-related regulations in a more systemic manner.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the publication system of each Ministry and propose a common publication system. Agree on a format of centralized publication (e.g. Online Gazette, PACLII, Dashboard of all the ministries' publication page). Document the plan (estimated resource, involved officials, etc.) and implement when appropriate funding source is identified. Start to regularly do WTO notifications, publishing them on the Trade Portal. And continue to verify them. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Q4 2023-Q4 2024 Q1 2025 Q2 2025 Now and onwards 	<p>Coordinating Entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NTO <p>Participating Entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ministries publishing trade-related legislations. <p>Supporting Organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNCTAD, WTO 	<p>Better access to regulatory information will allow policymakers and researchers to undertake policy review across individual ministries' domains, as well as reducing the cost of private sector to find the information on and comply with regulations.</p>

Policy recommendations

Take local specificities into account:
e.g. Tahitensis vanilla

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II. USE NON-TARIFF MEASURES (NTM) AND VOLUNTARY SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS (VSS) TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	<p><u>(2) SECOND POLICY</u></p> <p>Prepare the inclusion of the CODEX Alimentarius Standard for vanilla to ensure the quality and safety of vanilla and improve confidence of foreign buyers. For instance, under the Food Sanitation Regulation.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the existing Food Sanitation regulation and identify areas for the inclusion of the CODEX Standard as additional Schedule. 2. Conduct stakeholder consultations to gather inputs and draft the proposed amendments. 3. Present the amendments to the legislative body for review and approval. 4. Once approved, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify areas where gaps exist to comply with the new standard (e.g. testing machines), - Implement the revised regulation, revise the Spice Board Act and establish a monitoring mechanism. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q4 2023-Q2 2024 2. Q2 2024-Q4 2024 3. Q4 2024-Q2 2025 4. Q4 2025-onwards 	<p>Coordinating Entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DFA or NTFC (?) <p>Participating Entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, NAQIA, NISIT - Stakeholders in the Vanilla industry - Spice board <p>Supporting Organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO, SPC, UNCTAD 	<p>The inclusion of the Standard will guarantee the minimum marketable quality of vanilla to international buyers, ensuring the health and safety of consumers.</p>

What else?

Creation of an implementation matrix to establish what are the current issues, who is responsible for them, should you act,...

Proposed example for the matrix:

Issue/Challenge	Responsible Agency	Need for action (Y/N)	Proposed Measures	Timeframe	Current status
Moldy/Low quality vanilla beans affecting PNG vanilla's global standing and international prices	...	Y	Implement stricter quality control measures; Provide farmer education on proper handling and storage techniques; Establish national quality standards for vanilla	Q3... - Q4...	Under Investigation

Matrix of synergistic linkages between green trade policies and PNG National Development Strategy

Policy Recommendation / National Development strategy	USE NON-TARIFF MEASURES (NTM) AND VOLUNTARY SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS (VSS) TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	MAKE NTMS SUPPORT THE DECISION MAKING OF POLICY MAKERS AND BUSINESSES
Increased revenue and wealth creation	X	
Quality infrastructure and utilities		
Sustainable social development		
Improved law and justice and national security		
Improved service delivery		X
Improved governance		X
Responsible sustainable development	X	
Sustainable population		

Thank you.

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