

Solomon Islands Kava Export Guide

Green exports to foster sustainable development



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1. Introduction

The background of the slide is a photograph of a field. In the foreground, there is a path or a cleared area covered with dry, brownish leaves and some small green plants. The middle ground and background are filled with dense, green vegetation, including various leafy plants and what appears to be a cornfield in the distance. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting with a focus on the ground and lower vegetation.

2. Before exporting



Con't....Various tax/fees

Documentation	Cost	Contact
1. Registration of business name and trading name with Company Haus	SBD 1750	Company Haus
2. Honiara City Council Business License	SBD 10000	HCC Revenue
3. Acquire Kava Export License	SBD 5000	Commodities Exporting Marketing Authority (CEMA)
4. Inspection of product/Certificate of Inspection Issued	SBD 30/MT	CEMA
5. Apply for SPS Certificate and Biosecurity Export Clearance	SBD 210	BSI
6. Customs Export Clearance	SBD 100	Customs & Excise
7. Export License issued	Free	CEMA

Con't....Shipping/logistics

Logistics	Estimated Costs (SBD)	Contact
Inter-Island sea freight to Honiara	\$80/50kg - Western end (from Isabel, Western and Choiseul)	Segeo Shipping, Isabel Development Company, Fair Trade Shipping
	\$50/50kg - Central parts (Central, Malaita, Guadalcanal)	
	\$100/50kg Eastern side (Temotu, Makira, Renbel)	
Sea Freight Honiara – Overseas port		TradeCo Shipping
		BJS Agency (Includes DHL)
		Carpenters Shipping
Air Freight Honiara – Overseas Port		Express Freight Management

Con't....Testing Laboratories and Facilities



The National Public Health Laboratory is now active, however still without equipment for testing



Oversea testing in US is SBD 150 minus posting and handling

Con't....Export Assistance

Government agencies	Telephone number	Email address	Website
Biosecurity Solomon Islands	+677 24657	Enquiries@biosecurity.gov.sb	https://www.biosecurity.gov.sb/
Commodities Export Marketing Authority	+677 22528/22347	admin@cema.com.sb	http://www.cema.com.sb/
Customs and excise	+677 21060	awhelpdesk@customs.gov.sb	https://www.customs.gov.sb/index.jsf
Company Haus	+677 26812	registrar@solomonbusinessregistry.gov.sb	https://www.solomonbusinessregistry.gov.sb/
Department of Trade & External Affairs	+677 21250		http://www.mfaet.gov.sb/external-trade/trade-and-development.html
Inland Revenue Department	+677 21493	taxeducationteam@mof.gov.sb	http://www.ird.gov.sb/Front/Front.aspx?ID=471
Marketing & Exports Promotion Division	+677 21207		https://www.commerce.gov.sb/departments-units/marketing-and-export-promotions.html
Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock (Extension Department)	+677 25031	MacDonnell.Hiva@sig.gov.sb	https://solomons.gov.sb/ministry-of-agriculture-and-livestock/

Con't....Shipping assistance

Shipping companies	Telephone numbers	Email address	Website
BJS Agencies	+677 22393	jarnet@bjs.agency	https://bjs.agency/home
Carpenters Shipping Lines	+677 29013	narresh@carpentersshipping.com	http://www.anscargo.com/sayfa/29013/Carpenter%20Shipping%20Services
Express Freight Management	+677 21112	honiara@expressfreight.com.sb	http://www.expressfreight.com/locations/solomon-islands
Tradco Shipping Ltd	+677 22588	logistics@tradco.com.sb	https://tradco.com.sb/

3. Getting ready to export

Register as an exporter

Step 1: Register business name

Step 2: Apply for TIN number at Inland Revenue Dept

Step 3: Get business license

Step 4: Open bank account

Process for Phytosanitary certificate

Step 1: Consult BSI

Step 2: Prepare and pack your kava for export

Step 3: Apply for certificate using the BSI Form 12

Step 4: BSI officials carry out inspections

Step 5: Phytosanitary certificate is issued or repeat from step 1

4. Exporting kava

Exporting by ship will require you to fulfill the requirements below. It is cheaper for those in Isabel and Malaita to export from Honiara International Wharf. For those in the Western province, the Noro International wharf is another option. Ships visit every week. Whichever port, the process is as follows:

- 1) Obtain importer's invoice
- 2) Secure the assistance of a customs broker such as BJS Agencies
- 3) Obtain a certificate of origin from the Department of Customs
- 4) Obtain a bill of lading from the Department of Customs
- 5) Provide a packing list to the Department of Customs
- 6) Obtain a tax invoice from wharf authorities
- 7) Obtain a certificate from Biosecurity for inspection of the container
- 8) Obtain a customs assessment notice
- 9) Obtain a customs release certificate
- 10) Obtain customs clearance
- 11) Ensure sealing of the container by vessel authorities
- 12) Provide copies of the bill of lading and other necessary documents obtained from the customs broker and send them to the overseas distributor

5. Summary of Exporting Destination requirements

1. United States of America

List of conditions you need to respect

a. Hygiene requirements:

- dried and ground
- packed in clean and new packaging, and
- free from live insects and other pests

b. Testing requirements

- 16% Kavalacton

c. Labelling

- Product: Organic Solomon Kava
- Variety name, e.g. Feo or Temotu purple
- Origin of kava, e.g. Isabel Kava
- Age of plant, e.g. 5 years
- % of kavalacton
- Exporter name
- Importer name
- Importing country

Conclude – Kava export value chain

