



Department of Foreign Affairs

Initiatives taken following the Papua New Guinea MSG Green Trade Project

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REVIEW OF THE SPICE ACT & POLICY

- ❖ Vanilla is not legislated under the current Spice Act
- ❖ There are plans in place by PNG Spice Industry Board to develop the policy and review the current Act
- ❖ Actually the Spice Industry Board decided to conduct regional consultations last month but due to some unforeseenbale issues, have withheld it
- ❖ Everything we are doing is on voluntary basis but will make it more mandatory as soon as we have developed the policy and the reviewed the Act

Draft Vanilla Standard Development

- ❖ PNG National Institute of Standards, Industrial & Technology (NISIT) has started the development of the voluntary standard for Vanilla
- ❖ The Draft Standard has been circulated for comments already
- ❖ NISIT has put in place the Standard steering committee already

Implementation of the recommendations
under “One Country One Priority Products”
by FAO under the Global Action on Green
Development of Special Agriculture Product

- ❖ This was initiated and developed base on the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31
- ❖ Vanilla has also been selected as priority product for this program as well
- ❖ National Inception Workshop was held on 10 Oct 2023 at Lamana Hotel in Port Moresby
- ❖ Incorporated in their action plans, the implementation of the recommendations from the MSG Green trade project on Vanilla

Discussion on building processing plants

- ❖ Initial discussions have held between bilateral development partners such as Japan, EU etc, to assist in building process plants around four regions around the country
- ❖ Discussions are in progress with our state enterprises to focus on this as well

Lodging of the VSS Report and Export Guidelines

- ❖ Planning to launch the VSS Report and the Export Guidelines for vanilla at the end of the month
- ❖ The launching is also part of awareness inform the stakeholders on what we are trying to assist them
- ❖ Inform that stakeholders on the way forwards on the implementation plans for the recommendations for this project

Thank you.

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