

## BAF Reviews Export Conditions for Kava

With the revision made to the Biosecurity Fees and Charges Regulations 2011, the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has reviewed the export conditions for kava (*Piper methysticum*) after thorough consultation of its Technical, Operations and Trade Facilitation and Compliance team. The following shall be allowed for kava export:

### 1. Personal

- Kava may be exported for personal purposes via Hand Carried (Self Pax) or unaccompanied through airfreight or sea freight:
  - Passengers can take carry on when departing Fiji internationally via air-flight or sea. The maximum limit is 15kg per person per three months.
  - Persons above the age of 18 years old only can send unaccompanied kava via airfreight and/or sea freight. The maximum limit is 15kg per three months.
- The sending (air, sea or courier) of kava for personal purposes are subject to the following conditions:
  - Biosecurity officers at the border will check and confirm traveler information by sighting a valid travel ticket and passport for hand carried (self pax).
  - For unaccompanied kava, the package must be addressed to a person (individual) and not a company or an organisation. Each individual is only allowed to send and receive only up to 15kg per quarter of the year (every three months) which will be monitored by Biosecurity Authority of Fiji. Anything extra will be treated as commercial shipments.
  - Any alternative or variances to the above points will be considered as a commercial shipment and will be dealt with under point number 2 below.

### 2. Commercial

- If someone wants to send kava for commercial purposes, they will have to be a registered exporter and undergo a mandatory export registration process. These requirements can be found on the BAF website or the same can be requested on: [info@baf.com.fj](mailto:info@baf.com.fj).

**Note:** As per the National Budget 2021/2022, Export fees are paid for by the Government of Fiji.

For further clarifications, do not hesitate to contact the Trade Facilitation & Compliance Permits team at BAF Headquarters on 3312512 Ext 124 or alternatively, on email: [info@baf.com.fj](mailto:info@baf.com.fj)

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