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SURINAME INVESTMENT & TRADE AGENCY

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BUY FROM SURINAME

Food and drink

SURINAME'S FOOD & DRINK EXPORT OFFER

Suriname offers a distinctive range of food and drink products, combining multicultural flavours and tropical ingredients with quality manufacturing and growing export capabilities.

WHAT DOES SURINAME OFFER BUYERS?

Suriname's diverse cultural heritage and tropical environment have created a distinctive food culture, reflected in products ranging from premium rum and traditional sauces to tropical snacks, chocolate, beverages and speciality foods.

A growing base of manufacturers combines distinctive products with internationally recognised food-safety standards, established export experience and investment in production capabilities, providing opportunities for buyers seeking authentic, differentiated products with potential to scale.



Suriname
Atlantic gateway connecting South America to Europe and the Americas

Distinctive products & flavours

A distinctive culinary heritage.
Caribbean, South American, Asian and African influences shape Suriname's rum, sauces, tropical snacks, chocolate and speciality foods.

Tropical ingredients add provenance.
Cassava, plantain, cacao, peppers, herbs and tropical fruits create authentic, differentiated products.

International quality standards

Internationally recognised standards.
Export-oriented manufacturers operate to FSSC 22000, ISO 22000 and HACCP food-safety standards.

Established quality capabilities.
Leading producers combine certification with dedicated quality management and testing capabilities.

Proven export capability

Established international demand.
Surinamese finished food and drink products already reach buyers across the Caribbean, Europe and North America.

A platform for further growth.
Existing exporters and international distribution networks support expansion into new markets.

Flexible supply for international buyers

Flexible manufacturing solutions.
Selected producers offer retail-ready, private-label, white-label and co-packing capabilities.

Responsive to buyer requirements.
Products, packaging and formats can be tailored to different distributors, retailers and markets.

DISTINCTIVE PRODUCTS & FLAVOURS

Suriname's multicultural heritage and tropical ingredients create distinctive finished products with authentic flavours, strong provenance and international market potential.

FINISHED PRODUCTS WITH A DISTINCTIVE SURINAMESE IDENTITY



Rum & spirits

Aged rum • spiced rum • liqueurs

Heritage-led products.

Premium spirits with distinctive Surinamese provenance and established export experience.



Sauces & condiments

Hot sauces • marinades • sambals

Multicultural flavours.

Recipes shaped by Caribbean, Amazonian and Asian culinary influences.



Tropical snacks

Plantain chips • cassava chips

Locally inspired snacks.

Shelf-stable products made from tropical crops, with flexible formats from selected producers.



Chocolate & cacao

Chocolate bars • drinking chocolate • cacao products

Strong origin story.

Surinamese cacao transformed locally into differentiated finished products.



Beverages & spring water

Spring water • soft drinks • speciality beverages

Established production.

Certified beverage manufacturing with experience supplying regional markets.



Natural & speciality foods

Herbal teas • spices • pepper and cassava products

Authentic ingredients.

Tropical plants and traditional recipes support differentiated product ranges.

LOCAL PROVENANCE



Authentic ingredients

Cassava • plantain • cacao • peppers • herbs • tropical fruits

Locally rooted products with a clear origin story

INTERNATIONAL QUALITY & FOOD SAFETY

Selected Surinamese manufacturers combine internationally recognised food-safety certification with dedicated quality management and testing, helping international buyers source with confidence.

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED FOOD-SAFETY SYSTEMS

FSSC 22000 GFSI-benchmarked assurance	ISO 22000 Structured food-safety management	HACCP Risk-based production controls
Fernandes Bakkerij and **SAB** are FSSC 22000 certified, supporting buyer due diligence and acceptance by international retailers and manufacturers.	**SAB, Tropical Pride and Tropical Trade & Industries** operate ISO 22000-certified production across spirits, packaged snacks and food and beverage manufacturing.	**Fernandes Bakkerij and Tropical Trade & Industries** apply HACCP-based systems to identify and manage food-safety risks throughout production.

EXAMPLES OF CERTIFIED MANUFACTURERS

Fernandes Bakkerij

FSSC 22000 v6.0 • ISO/HACCP 22000

DNV-audited certification, supported by an in-house laboratory, dedicated quality managers and established hygiene and safety controls.

Industrial bakery • frozen bakery products

Suriname Alcoholic Beverages

FSSC 22000 • ISO 22000 • ISO 9001 • ISO 14001

Long-established certified production systems supporting premium rum, vodka and liqueurs for domestic and international markets.

Rum • spirits • liqueurs

Tropical Pride

ISO 22000:2018

Certified production of packaged plantain and cassava snacks, with private-label and white-label manufacturing available for selected buyers.

Plantain chips • cassava chips • savoury snacks

Tropical Trade & Industries

ISO 22000 • HACCP

Certified food and beverage manufacturing with quality control, shelf-life management, co-packing and private-label capabilities.

Food & beverages • co-packing • private label

Proven products

Spirits, sauces, tropical snacks, beverages and frozen bakery products already have international market experience.
















Sources: Fernandes Bakkerij stakeholder consultation, August 2026; official SAB, Tropical Pride and Tropical Group company information, accessed August 2026.

PROVEN EXPORT CAPABILITY

Selected Surinamese food and drink producers already serve buyers across Europe, the Caribbean and North America, demonstrating established routes to market and a platform for further growth.

ESTABLISHED FINISHED-PRODUCT EXPORTS

US$22m+
Average annual exports of spirits, beer and non-alcoholic beverages, 2020-2024



Average annual export values, 2020-2024

KEY EXPORT MARKETS AND REGIONS (2021 - 2025)

Europe
Established access



Key markets
Netherlands • France
Germany • Belgium

Current export products
Premium spirits • sauces • tropical snacks

Caribbean
Regional market reach



Key markets
Guyana • Aruba • Curaçao
Bonaire • Barbados • St Maarten

Current export products
Frozen bakery • snacks • spring water • beverages

North America
US market experience



Key markets
United States

Current export products
Premium spirits • chocolate and cacao products

A PLATFORM FOR FURTHER GROWTH

Existing exporters bring practical experience in international distribution, product adaptation and overseas market requirements.







Sources: FAOSTAT trade data, 2020-2024; Suriname at SIAL 2024 Catalogue; Fernandes Bakkerij stakeholder consultation, August 2026; official company information. Values are average annual exports.

RELIABLE ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Suriname's CARICOM membership, proximity to Caribbean markets and established maritime and air connections provide producers with a practical platform for regional distribution and wider international trade

A GATEWAY TO THE CARIBBEAN MARKET AND BEYOND



~19 million

- CARICOM consumers

>US$6 billion

- Annual food imports

Nearby markets

- Guyana
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Barbados
- Aruba
- Curaçao
- Dominican Republic

Onward Gateways

- Miami
- Panama
- Rotterdam
- Amsterdam

2/ 5/ 8 days Indicative shipping links

- Trinidad, Dominican Rep Panama

INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS

Regular container services connect Paramaribo with Caribbean markets and onward routes to Europe and North America.

Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport links Suriname through Amsterdam and Panama, with additional regional services.

MAERSK CMA CGM SEABOARD MARINE

KLM SURINAM AIRWAYS AMERIJET

Coldchain capabilities

- **8,000 + TEU** Reefer capacity of DP World alone, alongside terminals run by VSH Transport and other operators
- **Temperature-controlled storage and handling**

Global market access

- **Duty-free, quota-free access** to EU markets under the CARIFORUM–EU EPA
- **Free trade within the Caribbean region** through the CARICOM Single Market

Supporting overseas market entry

- **The Suriname Standards Bureau provides standards guidance**, ISO certification support, GS1 barcode services and export-compliance assistance

EXPORT – READY PROCESSING PLANTS

SELECTED FOOD & DRINK MANUFACTURERS IN SURINAME

Suriname Alcoholic Beverages:
Producer of Borgoe and other Surinamese spirits since 1966. Holds ISO 9001, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000 and ISO 14001 certifications.

Gom Food Industries:
Active ISO 22000-certified producer of marinades, barbecue and pepper sauces. Exports to Europe and Caribbean markets and supplies private-label products.

Tropical Pride:
ISO 22000-certified producer of plantain and cassava chips and savoury sticks. Exports to the Netherlands, Aruba and Curaçao and offers private labels.

Caribbean Beverages:
ISO 22000- and HACCP-certified producer of natural spring water. Offers PET and export-ready glass formats with capacity planned to scale.

Tropical Trade & Industries:
ISO 22000- and HACCP-certified producer of beverages, syrups and flavourings. Offers co-packing, private-label manufacturing and export distribution

Fernandes Bottling:
Long-established producer of non-alcoholic beverages and Fernandes soft drinks. Its integrated management system aligns with FSSC 22000 and ISO standards

Fernandes Bakkerij:
FSSC 22000-certified industrial bakery producing bread, pastry and snacks. Operates its own laboratory and exports frozen products to Guyana.

SURIVIT:
Women-led producer of cassava flour, pancake mixes, porridges and baby food. Exports to the Netherlands and Trinidad & Tobago.

Tan Bun Skrati:
Tree-to-bar producer using Surinamese cacao. Makes chocolate bars, drinking chocolate, cacao nibs and tea, with sales points in the Netherlands and US

Eden Herbs & Spices:
Growing producer of preservative-free teas, powders, spices and plant-based products. Eight new machines have automated at least 18 products.

A WIDER PIPELINE OF ESTABLISHED AND GROWING PRODUCERS SUPPORTS A DIVERSE FINISHED-PRODUCT OFFER

Selected manufacturers combine recognised food-safety systems, export experience and growing production capacity.SITA can help buyers identify suppliers by product, certification, packaging, volume and shipping requirements.

Connect with food & drink suppliers

"There is real expertise here: we run our own laboratory, invest in R&D and train our people. There is more than enough room for food and beverages to flourish in Suriname."

Rufin Bajnath, Managing Director, Fernandes Bakkerij N.V.

How can we help you?

SITA supports international buyers at every stage of the sourcing process, from identifying the right suppliers to ensuring products meet your specifications and are delivered reliably

Why work with SITA?

1. We work with your purchasing and sourcing teams to fully understand and document your requirements
2. We will help identify suppliers who can meet your specifications in terms of volumes, quality, certifications for market entry, packaging, prices and shipping
3. We can help our local companies to meet your requirements through support to upgrade quality standards or packaging
4. We can support local producers to consolidate to meet your volume requirements

Ready to source from Suriname? Get in touch!

Contact SITA to discuss your requirements and connect with export-ready suppliers

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