

THE SIC CARRIED OUT ENFORCEMENT VISITS TO THE “EL DORADO” INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

In its role as the National Authority for Technical Regulations and Legal Metrology, the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC) carried out inspection visits to scales located at the “El Dorado” International Airport in Bogotá. The Superintendence of Transportation also supported this endeavor.



The purpose of these visits was to verify the scales with which the passengers' luggage of the air transport service is weighed, aiming to reassure consumers the quality of the measurements of these instruments.



JOINT WORK BETWEEN THE SIC AND THE CUSTOMS POLICE OF COLOMBIA

The Customs Police of Colombia (POLFA, for its acronym in Spanish), in order to strengthen its skills in the surveillance and control of products that enter the country, contacted the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC) to design a cycle of training aimed at POLFA officials in different cities.



The training sessions will address the content of the technical regulations of Labeling and Energy Efficiency (RETIQ), Quality of Liquid fuels and Public Lighting (RETILAP), Electrical Installations (RETIE), Ceramic Tiles, Toys, Clothing and Footwear, and Leather Goods.

The first cycle of training was carried out last April on the general requirements of RETIQ, emphasizing the demonstration of conformity, labeling requirements, and products to be applied. The training session has delegations from La Guajira, Santa Marta, Barranquilla, Valledupar, Cúcuta, Bucaramanga, Bogotá, Cali, Pereira, Turbo, Medellín, Ipiales, Arauca, Cartagena, San Andrés, and Buenaventura, with a total of 119 attendees.

SIC LEADS THE LEGAL METROLOGY WORKING GROUP OF THE SIM

On March, 2021, the Legal Metrology Working Group Meeting of the Inter-American Metrology System (SIM) was held in order to address the current needs and challenges of Legal Metrology that are of interest to member countries.

Likewise, it was possible to know some diagnosis from some countries regarding the status of Legal Metrology and their work within the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML). These meetings are led by the Engineer Pedro Pérez from the SIC, as Chairman of the Working Group.



SIC PARTICIPATED IN THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SAFETY COMMITTEE



Officials of the Deputy Superintendence for Legal Metrology and Technical Regulation from SIC attended the second annual meeting of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Committee (LPG).

The main intervention of the SIC was related to the dispositions of Resolution 40245 of 2016 regarding the maintenance of cylinders used for the provision of public LPG service and the demonstration of the conformity of said maintenance, emphasizing that some processes are not documented in the technical regulations, for which the inspection campaigns are limited.

INTERNATIONAL METROLOGY DAY: A DATE DEDICATED TO MEASUREMENTS IN HEALTH

On May 20, the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce and the National Institute of Metrology hosted their now traditional virtual congress dedicated to the celebration of the International Metrology Day. The main theme of the event was Measurements for Health, thus highlighting the role of metrology and science to face the challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some topics addressed during the Congress were the Colombia experience in the development of aptitude tests for SARS-CoV-2, traceability in clinical measurements, conservation of the appropriate temperature during the storage and transport of vaccines and the measures for the protection of consumers in times of pandemic.



The successful event was attended by nearly 800 viewers from more than 20 countries and was broadcast in Spanish and English.