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### NEWSLETTER DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENCE FOR LEGAL METROLOGY AND TECHNICAL REGULATION

#### COLOMBIAN SUPERINTENDENCES WORK TOGETHER TO MONITOR TRUCK SCALES



The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC) and the Superintendence of Transportation have worked together to develop a complete surveillance framework of vehicle weighing stations nationwide. Thanks to this, and based on inspection visits and complaints received by transporters and users of these stations, it will be possible to provide confidence in the service provided throughout the nation's territory.

The Superintendent of Industry and Commerce, Andrés Barreto González, indicated that ***"metrological verifications in truck scales are essential to generate confidence about the measurements that are made in scale stations, and that have direct impact on road safety."***

In this sense, the SIC could order the suspension of the use of the weighing instrument that does not comply with the legal requirements, adopt the appropriate measures to ensure that they comply with the metrological requirements and impose the sanctions provided in Law 1480 of 2011.

## THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SIC

The World Trade Organization (WTO) held the "**Workshop on Technical Barriers to Trade**", which was attended by more than 80 officials from the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC) of Colombia, as well as representatives of other national institutions, which work on a day-to-day basis with different issues related to international trade.

WTO specialists developed a variety of presentations on regulatory practices applicable to the control and monitoring of compliance with technical regulations, as well as the tools to determine the most appropriate conformity assessment scheme based on risk assessment.



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## COLOMBIA PRESENTS THE "GUIDE OF GOOD PRACTICES ON LEGAL METROLOGY"

Within the framework of the Working Meeting of the Quality Committee of the Andean Community of Nations (CAN), Colombia presented the "Guide of good practices on legal metrology". The document covers topics as diverse as details related to the acquisition of equipment, its storage and its environmental conditions, use and handling, control plan, maintenance, intermediate and routine checks, cleaning and other important issues in the processes of metrological assurance.



The Guide is aimed at different authorities in charge of carrying out surveillance and control activities in legal metrology, as well as entities or organizations that use different equipment and measurement instruments in their operational processes.