

## EVENTS

**The St.Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards (SVGBS) participates in as well as promotes the following Standards, Quality and Metrology World Days.**

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### **MARCH 15, 2021 - WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY**



World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) has been observed on **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** since 1983. It is an annual awareness day for solidarity within the global consumer movement and promotion of the basic rights of consumers.

The four initial basic consumer rights (now referred to as the Consumer Bill of Rights) are:

- i. the right to safety;
- ii. the right to be informed;
- iii. the right to choose;
- iv. the right to be heard.

In 1985, the United Nations added four more basic rights:

- i. the right to satisfaction of basic needs;
- ii. the right to redress;
- iii. the right to consumer education;
- iv. the right to a healthy environment.

During the WCRD, participants observe the day by demanding that basic consumer rights are respected and protected. They also protest against market abuses and social injustices which undermine the rights of consumers.

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## **MAY 20, 2021 - WORLD METROLOGY DAY**



**World Metrology Day (WMD)** is an annual global observance celebrated on **MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>** to commemorate the signing of the Metre Convention on May 20, 1875. The Convention was crucial for the development and implementation of the metric system. The Metre Convention, also referred to as the Treaty of the Metre, was signed by representatives of seventeen nations.

The Convention created three main metrology organizations: the General Conference on Weights and Measures, the International Committee for Weights and Measures, and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures.

World Metrology Day (WMD) is coordinated jointly by the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM). It aims to increase awareness of the importance of global collaboration in the science of measurement and the worldwide uniformity of measurement.

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## **JUNE 7, 2021 - WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY**



**World Food Safety Day (WFSD)** is a UN observance held annually on **JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>**. Its main goal is to emphasize the importance of ensuring food safety in order to overcome hunger and achieve sustainable development goals.

World Food Safety Day was initiated in 2016 by the **Codex Alimentarius Commission**, a body that had been jointly established by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in order to develop a collection of internationally recognized standards ensuring food safety.

**Food safety is a vital aspect of food security.** In the modern world, where international trade (including food trade) plays a huge role, any food safety-related incidents can have major negative consequences on a global scale. For instance, did you know that an estimated 600 million cases of foodborne illnesses annually result from consuming unsafe food? This illnesses disproportionately affect people in low-income regions, children under five, and other vulnerable and marginalized groups.

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## **JUNE 9, 2021 - WORLD ACCREDITATION DAY**

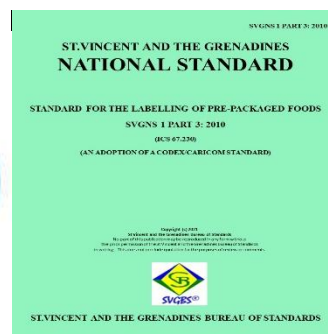


World Accreditation Day (WAD) is annually observed on **JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>** around the world aimed at raising awareness of value of accreditation. The idea of creation World Accreditation Day belongs to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). The observance was created in 2008 under a global initiative, that raises public awareness of issues that are directly connected with accreditation.

World Accreditation Day may be considered to be a professional holiday for employees of testing laboratories accreditation, since primary IAF activity is connected with it. However, experts on accreditation in other fields also consider this holiday as their professional day, because accreditation is very important in every field. Organizations and people are subjected to accreditation, for instance, these are media representatives, who are appointed to work abroad, educational institutions and their representatives, commerce representatives etc.

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## **OCTOBER 14, 2021 - WORLD STANDARDS DAY**



World Standards Day (WSD) is a global observance held annually on **OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>**. It was officially established in 1970 by Faruk Sünter, President of the International Organization for Standardization at the time. International standards help overcome technical barriers in international commerce. The implementation of these standards became an important issue after the Industrial Revolution. The first international standards organization was created in 1906. But the most active development of standards began when the ISO was established in the mid-20th century.

World Standards Day was created by the ISO in order to raise awareness of the importance of standardization (the process of developing and implementing technical standards) to global economy. October 14 was chosen to commemorate the conference in London held in 1946, during which the ISO was conceived. World Standards Day celebrations are coordinated by various international standards organizations, including the International Organization for Standardization, International Electrotechnical Commission, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, International Telecommunication Union, Internet Engineering Task Force, etc. Various activities are carried out by national standards organizations across the world.

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## OCTOBER 16, 2021 - WORLD FOOD DAY



**World Food Day (WFD)** is observed in many counties around the world every year on **OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>** . This observance was created in November 1979 and the first events were organized in 1980.

The observance WFD highlights the importance of investments in agriculture and is celebrated annually with different themes in order to draw public attention to the areas that need for action and the issues behind hunger and poverty. Most of the annual themes revolve around agriculture and investments in private sector.

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## NOVEMBER 11, 2021 - WORLD QUALITY DAY



**World Quality Day (WQD)** is one of the international observances that annually falls on the **SECOND THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER**. This observance was introduced by the United Nations in 1990, but it didn't become one of the UN special international days.

World Quality Day was introduced to raise public awareness to the problems of quality of any product or service, provided by the companies around the world. Quality is basic for economical success of any company, organization or enterprise and it's present in every aspect of life. Paying more attention to the quality of products and services helps improve customers satisfaction, make a sustainable business, identify and manage risk, reduce costs and improve profitability.

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