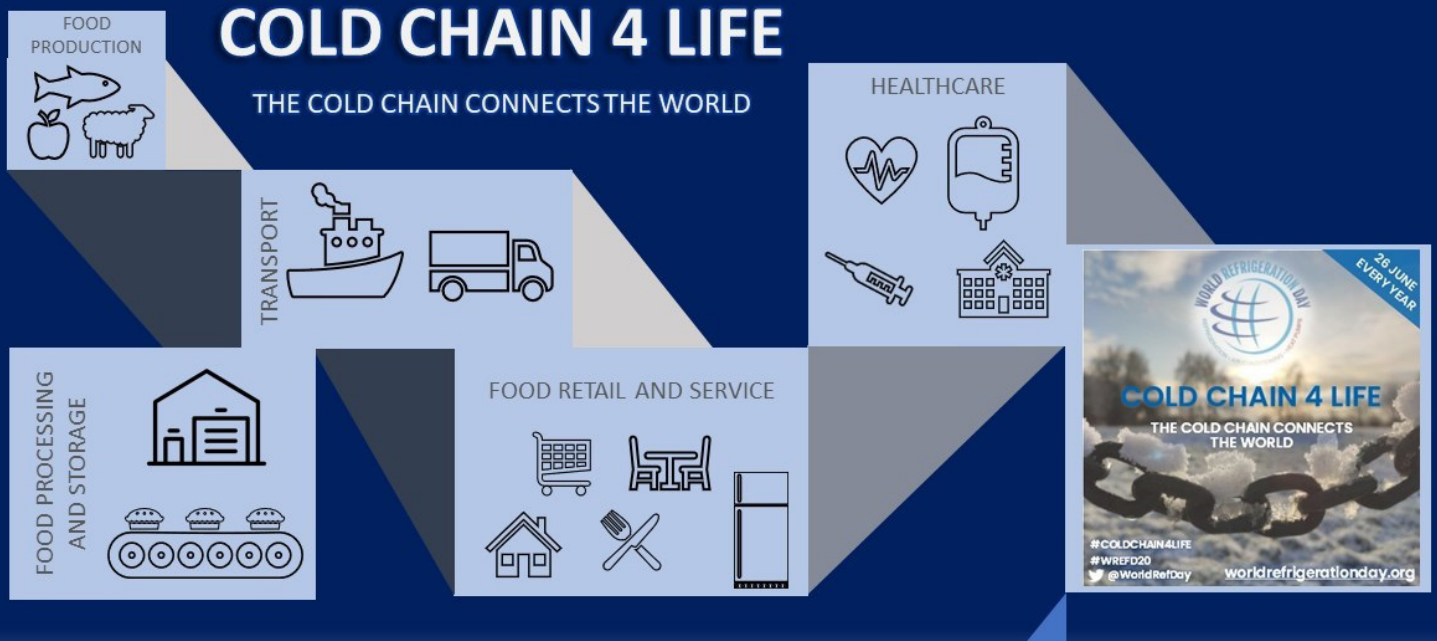


WORLD REFRIGERATION DAY



Is an International day established international commemorative day that raises awareness about the refrigeration and air-conditioning industry and its contribution to modern life, as well as its connection to key societal objectives including mitigating climate change, protecting the ozone layer, and achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs). WRD is organized each year on 26 June, the birth date of Lord Kelvin after whom the Absolute temperature scale (the "Kelvin Scale") is named. In February 2019, the United Nations Environment Programme pledged support at the UNEP national ozone officers meeting in Paris. The World Refrigeration Day was inaugurated on 26 June 2019.

This year's theme is: **The Cold Chain; role of the Cold chain sector in food safety and security, and human health**

The theme chosen for World Refrigeration Day in 2020 celebrates the importance of the food cold chain in sustaining life. The cold chain links producers and growers across the world to the domestic refrigerator in our kitchens, and it is essential for so much more than food. Vaccines must remain chilled until they are used by medical professionals around the world, and the cold chain is essential for blood transfusions and organ donor transport and storage. The ColdChain4Life campaign is organized by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), ASHRAE, European Partnership for Energy and Environment (EPEE), International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), and the WRD Secretariat. "World Refrigeration Day is a great opportunity for all of us to celebrate the tremendous contribution that refrigeration and air conditioning makes to our societies. This includes enabling our agricultural and food systems to harvest, store, transport and sell the foods that nourish us all. The cold chain is what makes this possible," said James Curlin, Acting Head of UNEP OzonAction. Celebrating this day shines the light on great work of the refrigeration and air conditioning sector, which is vital for the success of the Montreal Protocol.



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