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**Various sugar related articles**

The Executive Director would like to draw your attention to the articles below all of which are relevant to the sugar sector.

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**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**SOUTH AFRICA: Government requests UK to raise tariff-free quota for sugar imports**

South Africa's government has requested the United Kingdom to increase the tariff-free quota for South African sugar and wine imports, according to the African Insider.

Deputy President Paul Mashatile said during an event in London on Sept. 30 that South Africa has requested that the UK increase TRQ amounts allowed under the Environmental Protection Agency Framework for South African sugar to 171,000 tonnes.

**KYRGYZSTAN: 2024 sugar output expected to meet 75% of domestic demand**

Kyrgyzstan's sugar production should total 110,000 metric tonnes in 2024, which will cover around 75% of the country's sugar demand, according to AKIpress.

Around 900,000 metric tonnes of sugarbeets are expected to be harvested from 13,500 hectares of cultivated areas, according to the sugar industry.

**RUSSIA: Sugarbeet harvest expected to decline 14.4% in 2024**

Russia's 2024 sugarbeet harvest is expected to decrease by 14.4% to 45.5 million metric tonnes, per a forecast released by the Economic Development Ministry, according to TASS.

The overall harvest of agricultural crops in Russia this year is expected to decline from last year considering the impacts of weather conditions.

The Economic Development Ministry also estimated that Russia's production of white beet sugar in solid form, without flavoring or coloring additives, is estimated to reach 6.7 million tonnes by 2027.

**EUROPE: European Commission to propose delay of law to tackle deforestation – news report**

The European Commission (EC) will propose a delay in the implementation of its landmark law against deforestation, according to Bloomberg, citing people familiar with the matter.

According to the news report, the EC has put forward a draft amendment to postpone by 12 months the rules to curb the portion of deforestation the European Union is responsible for through its imports of commodities.

**GERMANY: Nordzucker will use biomethane from beet residues to power Danish sugar factories**

Nordzucker announced on Sept. 27 that it has signed an agreement with Nature Energy to power two of its Danish sugar factories with biomethane produced from beet residues, reports Sugaronline.

Nordzucker supplies residual beet pulp to Nature Energy's biomethane plant in Lolland, and will use the biomethane for decarbonisation of sugar production at the two Danish factories in Lolland-Falster in the southeastern part of Denmark operated by its subsidiary Nordic Sugar.

The use of biomethane will allow the company to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the two Danish factories by 40% until 2030, or up to 37,000 metric tonnes.

A new gas pipeline established by the Danish government in Lolland-Falster that was opened in September 2024 will allow the company to withdraw from fuel oil and coal and transition to natural gas and biomethane.

"We are delighted to be working with Nature Energy, an international leader in the field of biomethane. It is the first time we are using biomethane to such an extent out of our beet pulp for our sugar production in Denmark," Nordzucker chief operating officer (COO), Alexander Godow, said via statement.

"For us, it is a major milestone in our GoGreen program to decarbonise our sugar production. We are using this cooperation with Nature Energy as a first step into renewable energy, making our production more sustainable."

By implementing its GoGreen plan, Nordzucker aims to achieve climate-neutral production by 2050 at the latest. By 2030, the company plans to cut emissions from all its factories by half.

**FRANCE: Tereos' decarbonisation plan receives SBTi validation**

Tereos' decarbonisation roadmap has been validated by SBTi, a global benchmark platform for corporate climate commitments, the company said in a statement on Sept. 18, reports Sugaronline.

"This is a first validation awarded by SBTi to a player present in the sugar and starch markets in the European Union," the company said.

Tereos' climate plan, announced in March 2024, aims for a 65% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from its European industrial plants by 2033, with a total investment of around EUR800 million (US\$893.4 million).

The company opted for the highest level of commitment, the Forest Land and Agriculture (FLAG) initiative, which spans the entire value chain, from the upstream agriculture stage to the end product.

The plan is to reduce GHG emissions from the agricultural portion of its activities by 36% by 2033.

"For our cooperative, committing to this approach is a matter of course. Tereos now has a solid framework as well as clear, pragmatic guidelines for ambitious climate action that is based on science," said chairman of Tereos Board of Directors, Gérard Clay.

The cooperative is subject to an independent monitoring and control program to ensure the implementation of the roadmap.

**VIETNAM: Sugarcane sector rebounds from challenging years**

The performance of Vietnam’s sugarcane industry has been improving following challenging years of poor competitiveness and sugar smuggling, according to Tuoi Tre News.

According to the Vietnam Sugarcane and Sugar Association, around 175,000 hectares of sugarcane crops were harvested in 2023/24, with production of 6.79 metric tonnes of sugar per hectare. Sugarcane farmers in one of Vietnam’s major sugarcane-growing regions, Phu Yen Province, are selling their crop for a record price of VND1.3 million (US\$53) per tonne.

**SOUTH AFRICA: Farmers urge government to extend suspension of sugar tax increase until 2030**

South African sugarcane producers’ associations SA Canegrowers and SAFDA have urged the government to scrap the sugar tax or extend the suspension of the tax increase until 2030, reports Sugaronline.

“The Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana gave us a two-year reprieve on any sugar tax increases in February 2023 to accord us space to diversify the industry and restructure. However, our intensive research indicates that a period of two years is inadequate for the realisation of product diversification,” the associations said in a joint statement on Oct. 2.

“Therefore, we implore President Cyril Ramaphosa and his administration to either scrap the sugar tax entirely or, at the very least, extend the HPL (Health Promotion Levy) moratorium until 2030, which is in line with the Sugarcane Value Chain Master Plan to 2030, a brainchild of the president which saved the industry from an existential crisis.”

The associations said that the sugar tax introduced in 2018 has led to a multi-billion-rand revenue loss to the sugar sector, causing job losses and the permanent closure of two mills in KwaZulu-Natal.

“We need sufficient time to pursue identified product diversification opportunities as we move from being a sugar industry to a sugarcane-based industry. As our research has shown, we should have finalised our diversification endeavours by 2030,” they said.

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**Mondelēz International snaps up stake in 'healthier' doughnut brand**



Mondelēz International has backed a fresh doughnut and pastry business that boasts custom-designed and patented air frying technology that significantly reduces sugar, fat and calories.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/10/01/Mondelez-International-buys-Urban-Legend-donut-stake>

**Top food and drinks trends for 2025 revealed – and it’s a big shift**



Consumers are shifting towards uncharted food and drink trends territories in 2025, as they straddle health and indulgence and make peace with new origins and ag-tech, including GM. <https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/10/01/The-top-food-and-drink-trends-for-2025>

**Consumers are rejecting fat-free foods and beverages – what does this mean for manufacturers?**



Reduced-fat and fat-free products were once embraced as the healthy option for consumers. So why have they fallen from favour and what does it mean for manufacturers? <https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/10/01/decline-in-demand-for-reduced-fat-and-fat-free-products>

**How food and beverage is innovating to safeguard food security**



The food and beverage industry is throwing out the rule book to create new, sustainable systems, which will protect food security for future generations. Discover how at Climate Smart Food 2024. <https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/09/09/Food-and-beverage-innovations-revealed-at-Climate-Smart-Food>

**The future of sports drinks in Europe: What do companies need to know?**



Following the European elections in June, the next five years will bring changes for many industries – including sports drinks. As the European Specialist Sports Nutrition Alliance (ESSNA) gears up to publish its manifesto, ESSNA chair Luca Bucchini gives us a sneak peek into its priorities and outlines what the key issues for the sports drink industry are.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/09/25/sports-drinks-in-europe-exploring-eu-policy>

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