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REVISED TIMETABLE

on the Reform Process of the 1992, ISA

following the 62nd Council Meeting in Eswatini on 8 June 2023

Following the unanimous decision at the 62nd Session of the International Sugar Council held on 8 June 2023 in Eswatini the Executive Director would like to draw the attention of Members to the **Revised Timetable** outlining the **NEW** deadlines for Members to accept the reforms formally through their Permanent Representations to the United Nations in New York.

This revised timetable was agreed by Members (reference ISC-Decisions-62. Item 5.)

Please see the direct link below issued by the United Nations Treaty Section in reference to this update.



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TREATY SECTION • OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

Reference (link)	Participant	Action Type	Treaty
C.N.215.2023		Amendments to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992	International Sugar Agreement, 1992 (XIX-37)

The Executive Director/Secretariat wishes to suggest to Members that they use the date of the Next Council Meeting, 24 November 2023, as a soft deadline for obtaining approval of the amendments according to their constitutional procedures, in order that Council can take note of the most significant progress possible in consolidating the reforms to the 1992 ISA.

Please use the attached Model Instrument of Acceptance of Amendments and send to the UN Treaty Section, as stated on the form, to ensure the new deadline is met.

Model Instrument of Acceptance of Amendments to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992

(To be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs)

WHEREAS the amendments to articles 1, 23(1), 25, 32, 33 and 34 of the **International Sugar Agreement, 1992** were approved in London on 26 November 2021, by Members of the International Sugar Council (ISC-Decisions-59, Item 12) for consideration and approval by Member governments.

NOW THEREFORE I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs], declare that the Government of [name of State], having considered the above-mentioned amendments, accepts the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations contained therein and, in particular, to adopt these pursuant to article 44 of the **International Sugar Agreement, 1992**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of acceptance at [place] on [date].

[Signature]

To be submitted to the:

Treaty Section

United Nations

New York

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**APPENDIX I - Article 44 process
(revised June 2023)**

Activity	Forum/Timeline	Dates
a. Circulate communications received from EU and Brazil which relate to additional draft proposed amendments	ISO Secretariat	6 Apr 2021 completed
b. Circulate revised draft timetable for the negotiating process	ISO Secretariat	20 Apr 2021 completed
c. Review potential additional draft proposed amendments and revised draft timetable for the negotiating process, and to agree to circulate this to Members	Special Administrative Committee	4 May 2021 completed
d. Circulate potential additional proposed amendments and revised draft timetable for the negotiating process to Members	ISO Secretariat	7 May 2021 completed
e. Members to approve potential additional proposed amendments and revised timetable for the negotiating process	Council	18 Jun 2021 completed
f. Members to approve an extension to ISA, 1992 (to be confirmed 26 November 2021)		completed
g. Members to conduct consultations with their capitals		by Nov 2021
h. Members to conduct Special Vote to initiate Article 44 process in accordance with this timetable	Council	26 Nov 2021 completed
i. Members to obtain approval for the amendments in accordance with their constitutional procedures	Up to 365 days after Council meeting	28 Feb 2024
j. Members to provide depositary notification of acceptance of the amendments	Within 180 days after obtaining approval	30 Apr 2024
A. The following steps depend on receiving sufficient notifications		
k. Members to approve revised distribution of votes and ISO Budget for 2025 and an extension to ISA, 1992	Council	Nov 2024
l. Members on behalf of whom notification of acceptance of the amendments has not been made shall cease to be Parties to this Agreement	At least 100 days ^{(1),(2)} after Depositary notified	31 Dec 2024
m. Revised ISA, 1992 plus changes to Membership, votes and contributions come into effect		01 Jan 2025

Notes: (if revisions approved)

1. this deadline may be extended by Council in a Special Vote.

2. for practical purposes it is recommended that the amendments would come into effect on 1 January 2025, having been ratified before the Council meeting of November 2024 at which the 2025 Budget would be approved. Changes to Membership, votes and contributions would also come into effect on 1 January 2025.