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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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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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### **ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 26 January 2018**

#### **UNITED KINGDOM - Govt sugar policy draws flak from experts**

Action on Sugar is calling on the government to impose a 20% tax on confectionery products and a ban on price promotions. Meanwhile, a nutrition expert noted that sugar prices were falling following the removal of price support mechanisms, which goes against efforts of government agencies seeking to lower sugar consumption. ([Jersey Evening Post](#))

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### **Sugaronline Ebriefing - 25/01/2018**

#### **US: WSJ poll shows people think cannabis is healthier than sugar**

People now think that sugar is actually more dangerous than cannabis, a poll conducted in America by the Wall Street journal showed, according to to Yahoo News UK.

Asked to pick out which was the most dangerous drug, 41% of people said tobacco, 24% said alcohol, 21% said sugar, and just 9% said marijuana.

Earlier this year, California became the sixth U.S. state, and by far the most populous, to permit the sale of cannabis products of all types to customers at least 21 years old.

Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Nevada were the first to introduce recreational pot sales on a state-regulated, licensed and taxed basis.

A poll last year found that nearly half of Britons now back legalisation.

The poll of 2,000 people by survey company ORB found that 47% of people now back legalising cannabis for sale through licensed shops.

In America, legalising cannabis seems like a near-unstoppable force - and a study argued that the British government would be GBP1 billion a year better off if we followed suit.

The study, commissioned by the Liberal Democrats and conducted by a panel of scientists, academics and police chiefs, suggested that the drug should be available in specialist shops to over-18s.

## **ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 29 January 2018**

### **EGYPT - UAE group buys land to grow beet**

Al-Canal Sugar Company, partly owned by the Jamal Al Ghurair Group, has bought land in the desert area of Minya Governorate to build a plant and grow sugar beet using precision irrigation. The USD 1 billion complex will also grow wheat, corn and beans, in addition to producing sugar to fill the country's supply deficit. ([Shorouk News](#))

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