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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.

ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 8 February 2018

SOUTH AFRICA - Sugar tax to lower demand by 200,000mt: SASA

The finance minister will announce the health promotion levy (HPL) soon, according to the South African Sugar Association (SASA), who said the tax will be implemented on April 1 and fixed at ZAR 2.1c/g (USD 0.17c/g) for drinks with a sugar content above 4g/100ml. The association estimated that the tax would lower sugar demand in the domestic market by 200,000mt and put 13,200ha of cane plantations out of production. ([Farmers Weekly](#))

UNITED KINGDOM - UK study doubts effectiveness of health initiatives in schools

A study published in the British Medical Journal suggested that school programs designed to help children live a more healthy lifestyle were not effective. The authors suggested that the close community and the food industry would have a bigger influence, while a Public health England official mentioned that a sugar tax would help reduce obesity levels. The full study is [here](#). ([BBC](#))

New York Times – 7 February 2018



<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/07/health/obesity-chile-sugar-regulations.html?smid=tw-share>