



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.

Sugaronline Ebriefing - 15/03/2018

BRAZIL: President Temer signs decree that regulates RenovaBio

Brazil's president Michel Temer signed on Wednesday a decree to regulate the national biofuel policy aimed at increasing ethanol production and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, RenovaBio, according to Brazil's public news agency Agência Brasil.

The decree was signed during the opening ceremony of the 2018/19 sugarcane harvest in Ribeirão Preto (SP).

The president had already approved the law that installed RenovaBio in December 2017, but still needed to sign the regulation.

During the ceremony, Temer also said that he expects the free trade agreement between Mercosur and the European Union to be closed in about a month. Negotiations still face obstacles related to the automotive sector, but the president believes in a settlement soon.

"We are almost formalizing, getting to an ending point, in the agreement between Mercosur and European Union," he said, adding that a final deal shouldn't take more than a month and a half to be signed.

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TURKEY - PM addresses concerns surrounding mill privatisation

The prime minister rejected the food and agriculture minister's earlier comments that the government would purchase sugar mills marked for privatisation through the agriculture credit cooperatives. He said that it is pointless to re-purchase a mill when the point is to privatise them. The government's plan to privatise 14 of Turkseker's 25 factories was met by some strong opposition as farmers were concerned that private mills would be allowed to close down if they struggle to turn a profit, while politicians mentioned that privatisation could allow the proportion of starch-based sugar to increase. In response, the Prime Minister said production at these mills were more likely increase than to stop, as the government plans to enforce the quota for white sugar production while monitoring starch-based sugar output. ([Infosurhoy](#) & [Hurriyet Daily News](#) & [The Bullet](#))

Food Navigator-USA.com 14 March 2018

Dr Robert Lustig: 'Processed food is an experiment that failed. The food industry is getting rich, and it's killing us...'

14-Mar-2018 By Elaine Watson

A calorie is a calorie, right? Wrong, argues pediatrician, sugar-nemesis and author of best-selling book 'Fat Chance', Dr Robert Lustig, who caught up with FoodNavigator-USA at the Natural Products Expo West trade show in Anaheim last week.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2018/03/14/dr-robert-lustig-processed-food-is-an-experiment-that-failed.-the-food-industry-is-getting-rich-and-it-s-killing-us>

ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 16 March 2018

EUROPE - Coke, Nutella to keep same sugar content

The original Coca-Cola will see its retail price rise in the UK from April 6 as the sugar tax kicks in as it will maintain the same sugar content, while other drinks are being reformulated to escape the tax. Ferrero, meanwhile, has officially disclosed the content of a pot of Nutella, which includes 50% of sugar. A company official explained it was a pleasure product, not a diet one, and should be consumed with moderation. ([The Herald](#) & [Telegraaf](#))