



# International Sugar Organization

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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 - 18 July 2018 WORLD - Nations challenge Gulf's sugar tax at WTO**

The US, the EU and Switzerland questioned the 100% tax on energy drinks and 50% tax on other soda beverages levied by Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE at the WTO. The US wants the tax to be withdrawn while Switzerland would like it to be modified. The EU argued that the tax was not justified by health concerns as it is based on price and does not apply to non-carbonated sweet drinks. ([Reuters](#))

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### **Sugar Online - Ebriefing 19-07-2018 Portugal to reduce size of sugar sachets to tackle obesity**

Individual sugar sachets sold at supermarkets and used at cafés, bars and restaurants, will see their size reduced starting in little more than a year, according The Portugal News. According to the National Health Board, sachets will be reduced from their current quantity of five or six grams to four, starting from January 2020. The size of sachets had previously been reduced from eight to a maximum of six grams back in 2016.... [Read more...](#)

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### **ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 19 July 2018 SPAIN - Azucarera AI project to help beet farmers**

Azucarera's Agroteo and Hemav have created a platform that will use artificial intelligence (AI) to advise farmers based on data from drone and satellite. It will help farmers know which part of the field needs to be irrigated, the nitrogen content of the plants and health of leaves. ([Campocyl](#))

### **NIGERIA - Govt looks to boost investment in sugar sector**

The Nigerian government is inviting private investment in the sugar sector to help reduce the sugar import bill of NGN 183 billion (USD 509 million), National Sugar Development Council's executive secretary said. The council is also interested in resuscitating the Nigeria Sugar Company in Kwara state and is in talks with stakeholders to reopen the plant. ([Punch NG](#))

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**FoodNavigator.com – 20 July 2018**

**Reaction as Mondelez to launch 30% less sugar Cadbury bar**

Jenny Eagle

Mondelez International has announced plans to launch a 30% less sugar Cadbury Dairy Milk next year but some consumers are taking to social media to air their grievances.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2018/07/20/reaction-as-mondelez-to-launch-30-less-sugar-cadbury-bar>

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