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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 - 4 December 2018

SRI LANKA - Govt cuts sugar tax by 40%

The finance ministry has cut the tax on sugar-sweetened beverages by 40% to LKR 0.30/g (USD 0.0017/g) of sugar, down from the LKR 0.5/g (USD 0.0028/g) when the tax was introduced on November 2017, according to EconomyNext. The move could be part of an attempt to lower prices and garner public support, while public health supporters said it could increase cases of diabetes and obesity. ([The New York Times](#))

SWITZERLAND - Federal Council Steps up support for sugar beet growers

The Federal Council has increased the support price for sugar due to low market prices, raising the minimum tariff protection for sugar from CHF 200/mt (USD 200.52/mt) to CHF 700/mt (USD 701.82/mt) and the federal contribution to special crops for beet from CHF 1,800/ha (USD 1,804.68/ha) to CHF 2,100/ha (USD 2,105.46/ha). The tariff will be effective from January 1, 2019, to September 30, 2021. The sugar production of 195,000mt is insufficient to meet the annual requirement of 260,000mt making imports necessary, an article said. Drought and pest infestation lowered the production volume, it added. ([Government](#) & [RTS](#))

BRAZIL - US firm to make zero calorie sweetener

Food firm Camil Alimentos has tied up with the US-based Amyris Partners to make a zero-calorie sweetener from sugarcane. Camil owns retail points, cafes, restaurants and the sugar brand Uniao. ([Globe Newswire](#) & [FOX Business](#))

CAMBODIA - Ban on opposition MPs may be lifted after EU warning

The Cambodian parliament was examining the reversal of a five-year ban on members of a major opposition party, amid threats from the EU that it might revoke duty-free access to sugar and other products. ([Reuters](#))

Food Navigator.com – 3 December 2018

Amyris bids for 30% slice of stevia market by 2022 with new Reb M sweetener: 'On a quality basis, it's a superior product. It simply tastes better'

03-Dec-2018 By Elaine Watson

Synthetic biology specialist Amyris has embarked on a mission to capture 30% of the global stevia sweeteners market by 2022 with a Reb M sweetener produced from cane sugar by a modified yeast strain, that it claims gives it a clear competitive advantage over rivals on cost and quality.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2018/12/03/amyris-bids-for-30-slice-of-stevia-sweetener-market-by-2022-with-reb-m>