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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.

FoodNavigator.com – 14 February 2019

Sustainable stevia: Tate & Lyle to assess eco impact of sweetener

14-Feb-2019 By Flora Southey

Ingredients supplier Tate & Lyle has partnered with NGO Earthwatch to assess the sustainability of its stevia supply chain, from seedling producers to industrial farms.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2019/02/14/sustainable-stevia-tate-lyle-to-assess-eco-impact-of-sweetener>

The EU General Food Law reform: Opus 1, the state of play

14-Feb-2019 By Katia Merten-Lentz, partner at international law firm Keller and Heckman

With ongoing European efforts to update the General Food Law and increase transparency in the risk assessment process for food products, Katia Merten-Lentz, a legal expert with international law firm Keller and Heckman, discusses the current state of play and looks to the future of food regulation in the EU.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2019/02/14/the-eu-general-food-law-reform-opus-1-the-state-of-play>

Sugar Online E-Briefing 14 February 2019

FRANCE - Sudzucker announces closure of two French plants

Saint Louis Sucre, a Sudzucker subsidiary, announced that it will close its Eppeville and Cagny sugar factories in the first half of 2020, while leaving its two other French plants opened. A Sudzucker spokesperson said the firm still had not met its target of reducing production capacity by 700,000mt/year, as the two French plants represent 450,000mt/year, added to the 200,000mt/year from the two German factories due to close next year. In response, the beet French planters' union CGB noted that the two plants represented 10% of the country's output, as it urged Sudzucker to consider alternative approaches that would protect growers. ([Reuters](#) & [CGB](#))

Metro Newspaper 15 February 2019

TWO or more diet drinks a day increase the risk of stroke, heart disease and an early death, experts have warned. A study of 80,000 women found that consuming artificially-sweetened drinks twice or more daily led to a 23 per cent higher chance of stroke. The women were also 29 per cent more likely to develop heart disease, and 16 per cent more likely to die from any cause compared to those who rarely drank them.

The stroke risk more than doubled for the obese and the US study also showed that African-American women also had a higher risk. Dr Yasmin Mossavar-Rahmani, lead author of the study at New York's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, said: 'Many well-meaning people, especially those who are overweight or obese, use low-calorie sweetened drinks to cut calories'.

Research had shown that the drinks 'may not be harmless and high consumption is associated with a higher risk of stroke and heart disease'. But while the study had found a link, it could not prove that diet drinks cause stroke and heart problems. The 12-year study of women aged to 50 to 79 had not looked at individual artificial sweeteners, she added.

The American Heart Association has said there is inadequate research to make a conclusion about diet drinks but advised that water was the best no-calorie drink.

Professor Rachel Johnson, of the University of Vermont, said 'limiting use' of diet drinks was 'the most prudent thing to do for your health'.

<https://www.metro.news/diet-drinks-raise-fizzical-threat-of-an-early-death/1437123/>
