



# 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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#### Food Navigator.com 28-01-2020

##### **Do low-calorie sweeteners make you fat? Controversy and confusion over the role of high-intensity sweeteners in weight management**

28-Jan-2020 By Katy Askew

The war on sugar continues to gather steam as increasingly health-conscious consumers seek to limit their intake by opting for products that are perceived as healthier. But controversy continues to swirl over the impact of high intensity sweeteners - a popular reformulation option - on health.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/01/28/do-low-calorie-sweeteners-make-you-fat>

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#### Sugar Online – Ebriefing 27-01-2020

##### **AUSTRALIA: Health minister rules out sugar tax**

Health Minister Greg Hunt has ruled out a tax on sugary drinks, according to Australian Associated Press.

Eye surgeon James Muecke, who has been named the Australian of the Year, has been calling for more action to crack down on sugar in drinks and processed foods, and for a sugar tax.

Hunt said the Morrison government did not believe a sugar tax was the right approach: "We don't support one," he told ABC radio on Jan 27.

"We don't think that driving up the price of household goods for families is the way of achieving this particular outcome."

The Australian of the Year is an award conferred on an Australian citizen by the National Australia Day Council. Muecke was honoured for his work combatting blindness.

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## **India and Brazil sign agreement to cooperate on bioenergy, ethanol**

India's Prime Minister Modi and Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro signed 15 agreements on Jan. 25 committing to increase cooperation in many segments, including in the ethanol sector, reports Sugaronline.

Both countries have committed to exchange expertise in the bioenergy sector to reach economical, energy and environmental goals, Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement,

The Brazilian government said both India and Brazil consider that biofuels have a strategic role to "reduce dependence on fossil fuels and to diversify our energy matrix."

India and Brazil expect to increase cooperation in order to expand ethanol production and consumption in India.

The Brazilian government said it expects to deepen discussions on the cooperation during the conference Sustainable Mobility: Ethanol Talks, scheduled for February in New Delhi.

Brazil and India have also vowed to achieve US\$15 billion in total bilateral trade by 2022.

Modi invited Brazilian investors and business leaders to explore opportunities for investments in biofuels, infrastructure, food processing, renewable energies and other sectors in India.

## **BRAZIL: President Bolsonaro rules out the implementation of "sin taxes"**

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro said on Jan. 24 that there won't be extra taxation on sugary drinks, alcohol and cigarettes sold in the country, denying a previous statement of the Minister of Economy Paulo Guedes, reports Brazil's Folha de S. Paulo.

Guedes had said earlier that the Ministry of Economy was evaluating the possibility of applying "sin taxes" on some items, including sugary drinks.

Bolsonaro ruled out tax increases in the country.

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## **Food Navigator.com 29-01-2020**

### **PureCircle announces new management following probe into accounting irregularities**

29-Jan-2020 By Elaine Watson

Stevia supplier PureCircle has unveiled a new management team following a probe into accounting irregularities that has delayed the publication of its full-year results and prompted a suspension of its shares.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/01/29/purecircle-announces-new-management-following-probe-into-accounting-irregularities>

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