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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 – 16.03.2020

SOUTH AFRICA: Decision not to increase sugar tax welcomed

'Broad support' for taxes on unhealthy foods in Germany

16-Mar-2020 By Katy Askew

German popular opinion has come down in 'clear support' of government measures to tackle diet related diseases, including the introduction of taxes and other fiscal strategies to promote healthy eating.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/03/16/broad-support-for-taxes-on-unhealthy-foods-in-germ>

FoodNavigator.com – 18.03.2020

Could falling prices hinder sugar reformulation?

18-Mar-2020 By Oliver Morrison

Sliding sugar prices in the wake of the virus pandemic, may handicap, though not stop, reformulation efforts, according to experts.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/03/18/could-falling-prices-hinder-sugar-reformulation>

FoodNavigator.com – 19.03.2020

How are beverage brands coping in the face of COVID-19?

19-Mar-2020 By Beth Newhart

Amid quarantines, lockdowns and cancellations, beverage companies are doing what they can to stay afloat as well as help out in the community. We round-up the latest news from brands dealing with the crisis.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/03/19/how-are-beverage-brands-coping-in-the-face-o>

Sugaronline – Ebriefing 19-03-2020

FRANCE: Tereos to produce free hydroalcoholic gel in coronavirus fightback

Sugar and ethanol producer Tereos announced on March 18 that is boosting production of pharmaceutical alcohol at five of its factories in France to meet a shortage of hydroalcoholic gel due to the coronavirus outbreak, according to Reuters.

Tereos said the previous week that it had seen a spike in demand for denatured alcohol. It was unblocking some of its stocks and making these requests a priority.

Tereos said the group would still make ethanol but would supply of 11,000 litres of hydroalcoholic gel per week, starting with its factory in Origny-Sainte-Benoite, that would be given free of charge to the relevant authorities.

Rival Cristal Union said on March 17 it was suspending the production of bioethanol at the Arcis sur Aube distillery to redirect its production towards ethyl alcohol.

ARGENTINA: Ledesma to donate 2,500 litres of alcohol amid coronavirus outbreak

Argentine sugarcane processor Ingenio Ledesma will donate 2,500 litres of alcohol for the production of alcohol for disinfection to help the government of the Jujuy province to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, according to Jujuy Online Noticias.

The company will also sell 30,000 litres of alcohol to the Province of Jujuy at a discounted price.

Ingenio Ledesma has established a protocol for its workers, including suspension of face-to-face meetings and long-distance trips, the closure of the company's Visitors Center, the computer training centers and sports clubs Atlético Ledesma and El Talar.

Ledesma's general manager Federico Gatti asked workers at all of its facilities to help protect the most vulnerable workers and continue to produce sugar, paper, alcohol and fruit to ensure supply throughout the country.