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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.

Sugaronline – Ebriefing 26-03-2020

NETHERLANDS: Suiker Unie outlines COVID-19 response

Suiker Unie has outlined its response to the COVID-19 epidemic and stated that it has sufficient stock levels to continue supplying sugar to its customers, reports Sugaronline.

A company statement said that Suiker Unie, and parent Cosun, have set up a crisis team to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 crisis and keep primary processes running.

Suiker Unie counts its primary processes as the supply of products, the associated administrative processes and the production of sugar during the thick juice campaign beginning in mid-May.

Suiker Unie has already taken a raft of measures in accordance with the guidelines issued by the government and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment.

All staff are working from home wherever possible. For those who have to work at one of its facilities, additional strict hygiene measures are in place.

As well as all these measures, Cosun businesses are trying to assist in the response to the outbreak. Suiker Unie has provided nearby hospitals and a doctor's practice with a large number of face masks that had been in storage.

The site in Anklam, Germany, is supplying lorry loads of disinfecting alcohol distilled from bio-ethanol to producers of hand gels and disinfectants that supply the Academic Medical Central in Amsterdam and other care providers.

FoodNavigator.com – 25.03.2020

WFP supply chain chief on COVID-19 challenges: 'Every country we're operating in is affected by the virus'

25-Mar-2020 By Flora Southey

While the coronavirus situation in Europe is 'alarming', World Food Programme Acting Director of Supply Chain, John Crisci, tells FoodNavigator his 'greatest fear' is for Africa.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/03/25/wfp-on-coronavirus-challenges-every-country-we-re-operating-in-is-affected-by-covid-19>

Salt campaigner 'disappointed' as report finds no progress on reduction

25-Mar-2020 By Oliver Morrison

Salt levels in England have shown 'no significant change' in six years, according to official data.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/03/25/salt-campaigner-disappointed-as-report-finds-no-progress-on-reduction>

Pivoting in a pandemic... and is Big Food set for a comeback?

25-Mar-2020 By Elaine Watson

Businesses across the country are adapting with lightning speed to adjust business plans, and in some cases, change their business model overnight, in order to adapt and survive as large swathes of the population go into lockdown.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/03/25/coronavirus-pivoting-in-a-pandemic-and-is-big-food-set-for-a-comeback>

FoodNavigator.com – 23.03.2020

US alcohol calls on Congress for economic relief from COVID-19

23-Mar-2020 By Beth Newhart

With the economic fallout from the COVID-19 crisis only likely to worsen, the federal government is announcing different forms of aid packages. US alcohol associations are now asking for assistance.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/03/23/us-alcohol-calls-on-congress-for-economic-relief-from-covid-19>

FoodNavigator.com – 26.03.2020

Nestlé, Unilever respond to coronavirus pandemic

26-Mar-2020 By Katy Askew

Food industry giants Nestlé and Unilever have unveiled how they are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to support their suppliers and the communities in which they operate globally.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/03/26/nestle-unilever-respond-to-coronavirus-pandemic>

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US: Speciality sugar imports brought forward

The Office of the US Trade Representative is to combine the fourth and fifth tranches of the speciality sugar tariff-rate quota into a single tranche of 65,000 tonnes, raw value, which will be allowed to enter the United States on March 30, according to Food Business News.

Organic sugar makes up most of the specialty sugar tariff rate quota. Originally tranche four for 35,000 tonnes was to open April 15; and tranche five for 35,000 tonnes to open July 15.

The USTR said that when the third tranche opened on Jan 22, US Customs and Border Protection allowed in 55,000 tonnes rather than the intended 50,000 tonnes, "based on a typo in the US Department of Agriculture's announcement of June 27, 2019."

Therefore, USTR is reducing the fifth tranche by 5,000 tonnes, to 30,000 tonnes, to correct the mistake. The combined fourth and fifth tranches opening on March 30 will total 65,000 tonnes rather than 70,000 tonnes.
