



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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 08-04-2020

AFRICA: Illovo Sugar’s COVID-19 medical precautions

Illovo Sugar Africa has reconfigured its medical infrastructure to manage potential COVID-19 infection within its own business, or the surrounding communities, according to Engineering News.

The Associated British Foods’ company’s medical services range from primary healthcare and hospital services to occupational health for employees and locals, at all sites.

On April 7, Illovo said that it has divided its medical services into two streams with a single-entry point for all people coming into its clinics and hospitals. People are pre-screened and their body temperature is taken.

Illovo Group medical specialist Dr Ernest Peresu commented: “We ensure that all physical distancing protocols are observed to keep our other patients, who are attending for regular medical treatment, protected.”

FoodNavigator.com 7 April 2020

WATCH: Coronavirus in focus... the supply chain, shopping behavior, innovation and investment

07-Apr-2020 By Elaine Watson

The food industry has moved remarkably quickly to adjust to a sudden and spectacular shift in food consumption towards the home as America goes into lockdown. But there could be significant challenges ahead if more countries block food exports, while movement restrictions could impact the supply of vital labor, say supply chain experts.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/04/07/watch-coronavirus-in-focus-the-supply-chain-shopping-behavior-innovation-and-investment>

AI platforms help swamped food manufacturers, retailers connect with recently unemployed

07-Apr-2020 By Elizabeth Crawford

Artificial intelligence platforms could ease pressures on retailers and food manufacturers that desperately need help to meet increased demand for their products, but which are struggling to connect with those who have been laid-off or furloughed due to disruptions from the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/04/07/ai-platforms-help-swamped-food-manufacturers-retailers-connect-with-recently-unemployed>

Nestlé on COVID-19: 'We need to focus our efforts on securing supplies, manufacturing and logistics'

08-Apr-2020 By Katy Askew

Nestlé CEO Mark Schneider warns that the business must 'get ready for the storm' as supply chain challenges are expected to intensify amid the global coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/04/08/nestle-talks-covid-19-supply-chain-challenges>

McVitie's hails sugar reformulation 'breakthrough'

03-Apr-2020 By Oliver Morrison

McVitie's is reducing sugar in nine of its best-selling UK biscuits by up to 10%, in what it calls a breakthrough in sugar reduction that doesn't compromise taste.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/04/03/mcvitie-s-hails-sugar-reformulation-breakthrough>

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NIGERIA: Merger of Dangote and Savannah approved

The Nigerian Stock Exchange has approved the merger of Dangote Sugar Refinery and Savannah Sugar Company, according to The Nation.

A total of 146.878 million ordinary shares of Dangote Sugar Refinery will be issued to shareholders of Savannah Sugar Company.

Dangote Sugar is Nigeria's largest producer of household and commercial sugar with 1.44 million metric tonnes refining capacity at its refinery located at Apapa WharfPorts Complex.

Savannah Sugar Company, in Numan, in Adamawa State, has a factory capacity of 50,000 tonnes. Its 32,000 hectares Savannah Estate has considerable opportunity for expansion.

Dangote's goal is to produce 1.5 metric tonnes per annum of refined sugar from locally grown sugar cane for the domestic and export markets in 10 years.
