



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 13-05-2020

MOZAMBIQUE: Sugar to be exempted from VAT during COVID-19 pandemic

The government has given in to pressure to renew the exemption of domestically produced sugar, cooking oil and soap from value added tax (VAT) for until December 31 2020, in a bid to keep prices down during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to A Verdade.

The decision by the Executive of President Filipe Nyusi, meeting at the 16th ordinary session of the Council of Ministers, followed pressure from the private sector to make the move.

The price of brown sugar in particular has rocketed recently, almost doubling in price. Shopping malls in the country's capital have imposed limits on how many kilograms customers can purchase.

Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce Ludovina Bernardo announced: "The law specifically alters number 13 of article 9 of the VAT Code, with the objective of exempting transactions of sugar, edible oil and soap products, which are considered essential,".

The legal provision still needs to be approved by the Assembly of the Republic.

Food Navigator.com 13 May 2020

Building supply chain resilience: 'Pre-COVID supply chains and post-COVID supply chains are not going to look the same'

13-May-2020 By Mary Ellen Shoup

While COVID-19 has upended the status quo for the entire food industry from growers and distributors, to retailers and consumers, it has also exposed the lack of resiliency within the food supply chain to handle something as disruptive as a global pandemic, says Rhonda Bassett-Spiers, CEO of iTradeNetwork.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/05/13/building-supply-chain-resilience-pre-covid-supply-chains-and-post-covid-supply-chains-are-not-going-to-look-the-same>

Grocery inflation surged in April despite a decline in world food commodity prices

13-May-2020 By Elaine Watson

While the price of gas, clothing, and many other consumer goods has fallen during the pandemic, grocery prices are on the rise, with the food-at-home index showing the largest monthly increase since February 1974, despite continued declines in world food commodity prices.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/05/13/april-2020-food-at-home-index-posted-largest-monthly-increase-since-february-1974>

Food Navigator.com 14 May 2020

How are smallholder farmers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? Olam weighs in

14-May-2020 By Flora Southey

Smallholder farmers in Africa are particularly at risk amid the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Julie Greene, VP, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability at agri-food giant Olam.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/05/14/how-are-smallholder-farmers-impacted-by-the-coronavirus-pandemic-olam-weighs-in>

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'School is a really good place to tackle childhood obesity': Study measures impact of free school meals on obesity rates

15-May-2020 By Flora Southey

Researchers have analysed the effects of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) policy in English schools, to determine what effects the programme has on bodyweight.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/05/15/do-free-school-meals-help-reduce-obesity-rate>
