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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 E-Briefing

MEXICO: Bans on selling sugar to children rolled out

New laws in two Mexican states completely ban on the sale of food high in sugar to children, with harsh penalties on sellers who break them, according to The Daily Intake.

Punishments include fines, and jail time for repeat offenders.

In Tabasco, Mexico, there is now a ban on the sale, distribution, donation, gift, and supply of prepackaged sugary drinks, carbonated sugary drinks, sweets and prepared foods to under-18s, as well as their consumption in medical and educational centers.

In Oaxaca, Mexico, a similar law will forbid the sale, distribution and promotion of sugary drinks, and junk food to those under age.

Both states will allow parents or legal guardians to purchase these types of products for their children.

Other Mexican state governments, including Mexico City, Colima, Guanajuato, San Luis Potosi, and Tamaulipas have shown interest in adopting similar initiatives.

BRAZIL: CTC more than doubles net profit in Q1 2020/21

Brazil's Cane Technology Centre (CTC) had a net profit of BRL18.7 million (US\$ million) in the first quarter of the 2020/21 season, up 150% from the same period in the previous season, **reports Sugaronline.**

The biotechnology company's net revenue increased by 30.9% to BRL64.6 million (US\$3.4 million) from April to June, when CTC's premium sugarcane varieties gained market share.

EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) reached BRL35.1 million (US\$6.3 million) in the first quarter of the season, up 100.2% year-on-year. EBITDA margin was 54.3%, an 18.8 percentage points increase from the same time last year.

The productivity of CTC's sugarcane crops increased by 1.6% to 85.9 tonnes per hectare, and Total Recoverable Sugars (TRS) reached 132.91 kg/tonne, compared to 126.35 kg/t in 2019/20.

CTC spent BRL400,000 (US\$71,889) in measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among its workers and maintain operations since March.

"We expect COVID-19 to have a minimal impact on our business throughout 2020/21, with some impact on the planting area, which may be offset by the use of our newest varieties (Premium and Genetically Modified)," the company said in its earnings report.

"However, it is not yet possible to safely assess any positive and negative effects that will occur during the year."

AFRICA: Sugar trade flows in flux

Fierce competition for one million metric tonnes raw value Central African sugar market is altering trade flows within Sub-Saharan Africa, according to S&P Global Platts.

The countries involved are landlocked sugar-deficit countries such as South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Chad, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

S&P Global Platts Analytics estimates Sub-Saharan Africa as a whole could import 6.5 million mtrv of its 14.8 million mtrv consumption in the 2019-20 season (October-September).

Brazil's bumper sugar crop this season has meant more white sugar flowing into Central Africa than in 2018-19 when India and Thailand were the main origins.

Sudan, the main sugar distribution hub in East Africa last year, has given ground to Somalia on routes into Central Africa.

Uganda and Zimbabwe are also targeting the Central African market, after Kenya banned all brown sugar imports.

PAKISTAN: Government exempts 300,000 T of sugar imports from taxes

Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has exempted 300,000 metric tonnes of imported sugar from paying sales taxes, according to Pakistan Today.

The government decided to import sugar to reduce prices in the domestic market amid a shortage in local production. Pakistan's sugar output has fallen below consumption levels in the 2019/20 season ending on Sept. 30.

The import of 300,000 tonnes of sugar was approved by the country's Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) in July. Procurement and other modalities of sugar import should be decided by a committee including representatives of the industry and finance secretaries.

US: Sugar market in slow recovery

A decline in demand for sugar of around 1% for the current season has been predicted by Rabobank senior commodity analyst Carlos Mera Arzeno, according to CNBC.

Arzeno predicted a 3% fall in cocoa demand for the current season, which runs until September, along with a 1% decline for sugar and 0.9% for coffee, despite recent encouraging updates from food manufacturers.

Sugar futures for October delivery trading on New York's Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) have rallied since their low of 9.67 cents per pound in late April and are currently trading at just over 13 cents per pound, having climbed more than 21% since the end of March.

Prices eased off five-month highs on August 20, in part due to the weakness of the Brazilian real currency.

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Sugar reduction and sweetener trends: From stevia and allulose to isomaltulose... 'not all carbohydrates are the same'

By Elaine Watson

What's hot and what's not in the world of sweeteners? FoodNavigator-USA caught up with Icon Foods, Cargill and Beneo to explore formulation trends as brands remain under pressure to reduce sugar and keep labels clean.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/08/26/sugar-reduction-and-sweetener-trends-from-stevia-and-allulose-to-isomaltulose-not-all-carbohydrates-are-the-same>

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60-second interview: Blocking bitterness, increasing sweet taste perception... sugar cane and cane molasses distillates in focus

By Elaine Watson

Sugar cane distillates and cane molasses distillates can form an intriguing part of the sugar reduction toolkit, says ASR Group, the world's largest cane sugar refining and marketing company. FoodNavigator-USA (FNU) caught up with Cesar Contreras (CC), business development manager, to learn more.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/08/27/expanding-the-sugar-reduction-toolbox-with-sugar-cane-and-molasses-distillates>

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Coca-Cola restructures global operations resulting in 'voluntary and involuntary reductions in employees'

By Mary Ellen Shoup

Coca-Cola has announced several structural changes to streamline its global business including a consolidation of operating units, which will result in reallocation of some employees and resources, as well as a reduction to its workforce.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/08/28/coca-cola-restructures-global-operations-resulting-in-voluntary-and-involuntary-reductions-in-employees>
