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**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.

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**Mubadala-Backed Atvos Is Said to Mull Bid for Raizen Mills** - Bloomberg - Atvos, a Brazilian ethanol and sugar producer backed by Mubadala Capital, is among companies considering bids to acquire three sugar mills from Brazil's Raizen SA, according to people familiar with the matter. Raizen, a joint-venture between Shell Plc and Cosan SA, hired Banco Itau BBA for the sale, according to one of the people. The mills are in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul. The sale process has just started and may end up without a deal, said the people, who asked not to be named because the information is private. Raizen declined to comment. Itau didn't immediately respond to requests seeking comment. Atvos said the company "does not comment on any financial operations in progress, but is always on the lookout for new business opportunities."

**CIS countries may increase beet sugar production almost 1% to 7.55 mln tonnes in 2025** - Interfax - Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) may increase beet sugar production in 2025 almost 1% to 7.55 million tonnes, from 7.49 million tonnes in 2024, the head of the Eurasian Sugar Association, Andrei Bodin, said at the CIS Sugar Market 2025 international conference in Moscow on Thursday. Production grew 2% in 2024 compared to the previous year. The area under sugar beet increased 9% last year to 1.337 million hectares. The association's initial forecasts for 2024 were lower, Bodin said. Production was estimated at 7.4 million tonnes and the planted area at 1.233 million hectares. At the same time, raw sugar imports, initially projected at nearly 1 million tonnes, turned out to be lower - 810,000 tonnes. According to Bodin's presentation, Russia produced 6.566 million tonnes of beet sugar (up 0.2%) in 2024, Belarus - 665,000 tonnes (up 7.3%), Kazakhstan - 65,000 tonnes (up 30%) and Kyrgyzstan - 90,000 tonnes (up 20%).

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**BRAZIL: Government approves stricter rules to ensure compliance with RenovaBio**

Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy on April 17 published a decree aimed at strengthening the national biofuels policy RenovaBio by setting stricter rules to ensure compliance with decarbonisation goals, reports Sugaronline.

The decree expands the capacity of the National Agency of Oil, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP) to identify, punish and prevent fraud in the market. Defrauding companies could have their fuel sales and import activities suspended and face fines that can reach BRL500 million, according to a [statement](#) released by the Ministry.

Distributors that fail to meet their targets will be reported to governmental agencies, including environmental watchdog Ibama, the Attorney General's Office, and the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office.

The decree also establishes that failure to pay the share to which biomass producers are entitled in the RenovaBio program may result in sanctions against the defaulting biofuel producers, potentially impacting their capacity to issue new decarbonization credits (CBIOs). Part of the biomass originating from defaulting producers could be disregarded in the calculation of credit issuance.

Brazilian biofuel producers and distributors welcomed the measure in a joint statement on April 17, endorsing the application of severe penalties to distributors that fail to comply with decarbonisation targets, the creation of a public list of irregular companies and the reinforcement of inspection actions by the ANP.

"The new legislation increases legal certainty, values agents that comply with the law and contributes to the efficiency and predictability of the biofuel market in Brazil," associations UNICA, Bioenergia Brasil, the Legal Fuel Institute (ICL), the National Union of Fuel and Lubricant Distributors (Sindicom) said in the [joint statement](#).

#### **THAILAND: Sugar production expected to rise 2% in 2025/26 – USDA**

Sugar production in Thailand in 2025/26 is expected to increase 2% from 2024/25 to 10.3 million tonnes, due to sugarcane production growth and higher extraction rates, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post in Bangkok, reports Sugaronline.

This rise would come after a 14% expected increase in the 2024/25 sugar production to around 10 million tonnes.

The Office of Cane and Sugar Board (OCSB) reported that the average sugar extraction rate in MY 2024/25 increased to 109.17 kilograms (kg) of sugar per tonne of sugarcane, up 2% from 2023/24, according to data cited in the USDA's [Sugar Annual](#) report released April 16.

Sugarcane production is estimated to increase to 96 million tonnes in 2025/26, up around 1% from 2024/25.

"Farmers reportedly continued to grow sugarcane due to its attractive returns compared to other field crops like corn and cassava," according to the Sugar Annual report.

The FAS post in Bangkok forecasts Thailand's sugar exports to slow down in 2025/26 to 7 million tonnes, after an estimated 10 million tonnes in 2024/25, due to renewed competition from India and Brazil.

#### **US: Sucro concludes acquisition of property for development of sugar refinery in Illinois**

Sucro Limited announced on April 17 that one of its subsidiaries had completed the previously announced purchase of a commercial property adjoining its sugar refinery development site in University Park, Illinois, reports Sugaronline.

The property was acquired for US\$1.043 million.

"The parties originally agreed that the purchase price would be satisfied by the assumption of existing mortgage indebtedness and cash. Prior to closing, the parties agreed to amend the manner in which the purchase consideration would be satisfied to a US\$142,133 unsecured interest-bearing promissory note and the balance in cash," Sucro said in a [press release](#).

Sucro announced in [February 2024](#) plans to build a new cane sugar refinery in the Greater Chicago Area to address the growing and underserved US sugar market. Start-up and initial production on the site were expected in 2026.

#### **INDIA: Government bans refined sugar in supplementary nutrition to children and women**

India's Ministry of Women and Child Development (WDCS) has directed all states and territories to avoid using foods high in refined sugar, salt, fat, preservatives, artificial colors, and flavors in supplementary nutrition to children, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and teen girls, according to The New Indian Express.

The directive states that while providing beneficiaries the Take Home Rations (THR) and Hot-Cooked Meals (HCM) kits, the states should use only jaggery for sweetening if needed. The inclusion of added jaggery should also be restricted to less than 5% of total energy to avoid excessive intake of discretionary calories.

#### **PAKISTAN: Sugar and rice shipments drive rise in food exports in 9M 2025**

Higher sugar and basmati rice shipments contributed to a 1.62% rise in Pakistan's raw food exports in the first nine months of the current fiscal year to \$5.75 billion, according to Pakistan Today.

According to the news report, the government's policy allowing 150,000 tonnes of sugar shipments in June 2024, conditional on maintaining stable retail prices, was exceeded, with sugar exports reaching 757,779 tonnes by March. No sugar exports were reported in March 2025.

#### **COLOMBIA: Sugar production expected to recover in 2025/26 – USDA**

Colombia's sugar production in 2025/26 is expected to recover to 2.3 million metric tonnes in 2025/26 due to improved weather conditions from the weakening of the La Niña phenomenon and expected normal weather patterns, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post in Bogotá, reports Sugaronline.

In 2024/25, 2.25 million tonnes of sugar are expected to be produced, from 2 million tonnes in the previous season. "The shift from prolonged rainy seasons to drier El Niño conditions, and then followed by stable weather, has stabilised sugarcane yields and sucrose content, aligning with historical averages after two years of lower performance," the FAS Bogotá post said in the Sugar Annual.

Sugar consumption in 2025/26 is forecast to marginally increase 1% to 1.83 million tonnes, as consumption levels have been constrained by slow economic growth and the implementation of select taxes on sugar products.

Exports are expected to reach 640,000 tonnes, a 6.7% increase from the 2024/25 revised estimate.

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