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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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ITALY: Sugar tax introduction postponed for fifth time

The introduction of Italy's contested tax on sugary drinks has been postponed for a fifth time, this time until 2023, the government has said, according to Reuters. The levy, and a plastic bag tax, were due to be applied at the start of 2020. However a backlash from producers and COVID-19 crisis delayed the implementation.

Prime Minister Mario Draghi said he does not want to increase taxes that might jeopardise the economic recovery, post COVID. The tax on sugary drinks was intended to address health issues such as obesity, diabetes and tooth decay.

SOUTH AFRICA: Farmers welcome funding for sugar industry

The sugar industry has welcomed the Industrial Development Corporation's pledge of ZAR85 million (US\$5.9 million) to support 192 sugar farmers whose cane was burnt in July, during the civil unrest in KwaZulu-Natal, according to Farmers Weekly.

Thomas Funke, CEO of SA Canegrowers, who said the organisation extended its gratitude to the IDC, as well as the Department of Trade, Industry, and Competition, and the South African Sugar Association for its role in supporting and facilitating this intervention.

"Growers lost more than ZAR84 million in revenue as a result of their [sugar] cane being rejected by mills." He added that what was especially welcomed was the decision to provide grants rather than loans to growers whose suffered damage of less than ZAR1 million in value. These funds are part of a total of ZAR1.5 billion (US\$104.3 million) approved to support businesses affected by the looting and unrest in July due to riots in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng.

Unilever hikes prices 'significantly,' warns there is more to come amid high inflation, supply chain challenges



Unilever joins the parade of CPG manufacturers hiking prices “significantly” to offset rising commodity costs and other inputs, with CEO Alan Jope warning, “there is more pricing still to come.”

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/10/22/unilever-hikes-prices-significantly-warns-there-is-more-to-come-amid-high-inflation-supply-chain-challenges>

PepsiCo Foods VP of Sustainability: 'Consumers want to be part of the solution'



PepsiCo's \$18bn Frito-Lay food division is making strong strides towards its "bold and important" sustainable packaging goals to make every bag across its snack portfolio recyclable, compostable, biodegradable or reusable by 2025, shares PepsiCo Foods North America VP of sustainability David Allen.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/10/22/pepsico-foods-vp-of-sustainability-consumers-want-to-be-part-of-the-solution>

'There's only so many rises it can make': Could Unilever's price hikes could eventually cost it customers?



Equity analysts have raised concerns about Unilever's reliance on price rises to drive growth.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/10/21/there-s-only-so-many-rises-it-can-make-could-unilever-s-price-hikes-could-eventually-cost-it-customers>

'It's natural, it's nutritious, it's delicious': Olam Food Ingredients CEO talks future innovation and growth



Ahead of its planned IPO, Olam Food Ingredients (ofi) has set out its aim to drive innovation to deliver growth. We catch up with ofi CEO A. Shekhar to learn about the trends the company hopes to tap.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/10/21/it-s-natural-it-s-nutritious-it-s-delicious-olam-food-ingredients-ceo-talks-future-innovation-and-growth>

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UAE: Tate & Lyle opens Technical Application Centre in Dubai

Tate & Lyle has opened a new US\$2 million Technical Application Centre in Dubai, to address growing demand for products that lower sugar, fat and calories, and add fibre, **reports Sugaronline.**

The opening of the new centre reflects Tate & Lyle's commitment to the development of the food and beverage industry in the Middle East, Turkey and Africa, it said.

It will support manufacturers across the region to deliver successful food formulation, from ingredients and recipes to the application and sensory experience.

Tate & Lyle will be running a newly launched initiative by UAE Food & Beverage Manufacturers Group, The Middle East Sugar & Calorie Reduction Knowledge Building Programme, from the new Centre.

Targeting government entities, food regulators, health departments, food and beverage manufacturers and dietary supplement providers, the six-session programme will provide theoretical and practical knowledge for sugar and calorie reduction in food and beverage products.

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World's Appetite for Treats Is Tightening Sugar Market – Bloomberg - The world is coming back to sweets and desserts as more lockdowns ease, especially in emerging nations, and it's causing a spike in prices for short-term refined sugar supplies. Nations from Pakistan to Sudan are buying on world markets gain after a long period of absence. That's tightening supply, and recently drove the December white sugar contract in London to a record premium over March futures. "We feel that there is a bounce in the demand which is materializing in the London market," Wilmar International Ltd. head of analysis Karim Salamon said at the S&P Global Platts European Sugar Conference on Tuesday, citing spreads. White sugar for December delivery traded at \$501.30 a ton in London on Wednesday. Its premium over March futures was at \$6.60, and reached \$9.40 on Monday, the highest since the spread started. Emerging markets have been suffering from tight credit, so now "those markets are now slowly coming back, in part because their stocks have been drawn down and they need them back," ED&F Man's head of commodities research, Kona Haque, said at the conference. Europe is another importer seeing renewed, post-lockdown demand for sugar. The EU is "absorbing the rally in the world market," and local prices are rising to meet that of imports, said Daniel Kerkhof, president of the European Association of Sugar Traders.
