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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**

**SINGAPORE: New regulation on sweetened drinks to take effect in 2023**

New regulations on sugar-sweetened drinks in Singapore will take effect from Dec. 30, when the sugar content of beverages must be displayed at retailers, according to Nikkei.

The new rules rank the beverages in four grades, considering the sugar content per 100 milliliters. Beverages with more than 10 grams of sugar per 100 milliliters will be banned from placing ads.

The measures are aimed at helping consumers identify beverages that are higher in sugar and saturated fat and reduce the influence of advertising on consumer preferences, according to the Health Promotion Board.

**INDIA: Government plans to achieve 12% ethanol blending in 2022/23**

India's government plans to achieve 12% ethanol blending with petrol in the 2022/23 season, according to IANS.

The target was discussed during a meeting with authorities on Dec. 26, including officials from the food and public distribution, petroleum ministries, oil marketing companies and the chairman of the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

According to the report, India's ethanol industry is confident it can supply enough ethanol to meet the target.

**INDIA: Government announces methodology to define monthly sugar quota**

India's Food Ministry has said in a letter to sugar mills that from January 2023 it will consider the notional stock of the preceding month and sugar diverted for ethanol to define the allocation of the maximum quantity of refined sugar to be sold by each factory in the domestic market every month, according to Business Line.

The measure aims to ensure that the monthly domestic sugar quota is evenly distributed among mills in the country.

**BANGLADESH: Government seeks quota to import sugar from India**

Bangladesh's government expects a proposal on import quotas from India to be soon approved by Indian authorities, according to TBS News.

Bangladesh had sent a proposal on the minimum quantity of commodities that it wanted to import from India annually, and expects an announcement on the proposal to be made on Dec. 27.

The Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh has asked for an annual sugar import quota of 1.5 million metric tonne.

### **BRAZIL: Sugarcane industry against the extension of tax exemption on fuels**

Representatives of Brazil’s sugarcane industry said in a statement on Jan. 2 that the extension of the tax exemption on gasoline favors fossil fuels, destroying the competitiveness of ethanol, reports Sugaronline.

Sugarcane industry association UNICA and the National Forum of the Sugarcane (FNS) said that by extending the tax exemption on gasoline, a policy that started during Jair Bolsonaro’s term, the government of the new president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva became an accomplice of an “economic, environmental, social and judicial attack,” especially after promising to combat climate change a few weeks before the COP27.

“The absence of taxes on gasoline is unparalleled in a world committed to sustainability, as it favors fossil fuel and deepens the destruction of ethanol, which has already been nationally discredited despite its global recognition,” the associations said in the statement.

They also said the tax exemption on gasoline harms the poorest in society, who do not own a car and depend on federal resources for health, education, and social assistance. “Such resources will be given, at the end of the day, to the most favored, in complete contradiction to what was announced by the president himself,” the group said.

UNICA and FNS said the tax exemption of gasoline is also unconstitutional as Amendment nº 123 guaranteed the need for a competitive differential for biofuels about their fossil equivalents.

The government of president Lula announced on Jan. 1 the extension of the tax exemption on fuels for 60 days.

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#### **Food safety forecasts for 2023: From digitalisation to the return of the audit**



Food safety, traceability and sustainability will be hot topics in 2023 as food and beverage manufacturers focus on investments that deliver returns in a down economy – and increased digitalisation will be an important tool to enable businesses to increase efficiencies. Novolyze Founder and CEO Karim-Franck Khinouche shares his forecasts for the coming year.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/01/03/food-safety-forecasts-for-2023-from-digitalisation-to-the-return-of-the-audit>

### **The EU prepares to overhaul packaging and waste rules**



With new European Union (EU) packaging rules on the horizon, the bakery and snacks sectors are gearing up to address packaging requirements and waste management policies that better reflect market and environmental needs.

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