



**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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**FoodNavigator.com**

**WHO classes aspartame 'possibly carcinogenic' but safe to consume within daily intake guidelines**



The popular sweetener is 'possibly carcinogenic' according to the World Health Organization, who has also reaffirmed it is safe to consume within current permitted use levels.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/07/14/who-classes-aspartame-possibly-carcinogenic-but-safe-to-consume-within-daily-intake-guidelines>

**A house divided: WHO's JECFA makes no daily intake change to aspartame, IARC declares it a possible carcinogen**



The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) officially listed the popular artificial sweetener aspartame as a possible carcinogen, while the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) maintained its suggested daily intake of the food ingredient -- prompting the food and beverage industry and FDA to defend of the ingredient.

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## Daily Sosland SweetenerReport Update

### US DOJ loses challenge to US Sugar’s purchase of Imperial Sugar

The Third US Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia upheld a September 2022 ruling by a Delaware Federal District Court allowing Florida-based US Sugar Corp. to buy the Imperial Sugar Co. in a \$315 million deal that closed in November 2022.

US Sugar said it was pleased with the decision and would focus on integrating the two companies.

“Bringing the Savannah refinery, its sugar brands and facilities back into American ownership is good for our employees, our local communities, our customers and our country,” US Sugar said.

Imperial Sugar was previously owned by the Louis Dreyfus Co. US Sugar agreed in March 2021 to buy Imperial Sugar, with its single Savannah, Ga., refinery almost entirely dependent on imported raw sugar.

The US Department of Justice had filed suit to block the purchase, arguing the deal violated US antitrust law, would create a duopoly in the US Southeast, would substantially raise sugar prices and could strain supply chains. The DOJ had asked the court to temporarily block the closing of the deal while it appealed the ruling. That request was earlier denied.

The district court judge, in her initial ruling, cited the government run US sugar program that limits sugar supply and imports as contributing to high sugar prices. The Judge said the DOJ had overlooked the ability of distributors to keep refined sugar prices from getting too high by selling their own supplies. The Appeals court also said the lower court had the discretion to find that the DOJ failed to properly identify which markets would be harmed by the merger.

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### Nestle introduces 'breakthrough' sugar reduction technology



Food and drink processor Nestle has rolled out a new technology which its claims can reduce the sugar content of ingredients.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2023/07/17/nestle-rolls-out-ingredient-sugar-reduction-technology>

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**High-intensity sweetener uncovered in truffles 'potentially game-changing' for sugar reduction**



MycoTechnology says it is 'standing on the brink of a sweet revolution' having discovered a sweet protein derived from honey truffle. "Proteins are widely recognised as the future of sweeteners," says MycoTechnology CEO Alan Hahn.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/07/17/mycotechnology-discovers-high-intensity-sweetener-from-fungi-honey-truffle>

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