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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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**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**UK: First tariff-free raw sugar shipment from Australia arrives in London**

The United Kingdom has received the first tariff-free raw sugar shipment from Australia carrying 33,000 metric tonnes of sugar worth around US\$19 million sent by Queensland Sugar Limited, according to Reuters.

The shipment was destined for Tate and Lyle Sugars' Thames Refinery in London.

On May 31, a free trade agreement between the UK from came into force. Prior to the trade agreement, tariffs as high as GBP350 (US\$435) per tonne, or around 64%, were applied to Australian sugar.

**THAILAND: Toray Industries invests to upgrade cellulosic sugar production**

Toray Industries announced in late August that it had invested THD1.2 billion (US\$33.7 million) to lift its stake in the subsidiary Cellulosic Biomass Technology from 67%, to 84.4%, reports Sugaronline.

Toray established that entity in Bangkok with Mitsui DM Sugar in January 2017 to demonstrate membrane-based saccharification process technologies.

"Toray looks to employ the additional capital to draw on cellulosic sugar production technology to swiftly commercialize key polymer materials derived from inedible biomass. The company will thereby avoid competition with the food chain and shrink its carbon footprint," Toray said in a statement.

The company has created an energy-saving production technology that uses membrane separation to make cellulosic sugar derived from bagasse, an inedible biomass remaining after extracting juice from sugarcane.

"Another application of the additional capital will be to augment an existing setup for manufacturing cellulosic sugar from bagasse with new facilities set up at Cellulosic Biomass Technology to produce such sugar from cassava pulp," the company said.

"This would boost the production capacity of this sugar to five metric tons daily. Toray will install boilers that can burn biomass fuels and increase wastewater treatment capacity to reduce utilities costs in making cellulosic sugar."

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**Czarnikow estimates 2023/24 global sugar deficit of 1.1 million T**

Czarnikow has increased its estimate for the 2023/24 global sugar deficit to 1.1 million metric tonnes due to a decrease of 500,000 tonnes in the sugar production estimate amid drier-than-normal weather conditions in India expected to last until late October, reports Sugaronline.

“We are concerned about the impact of India’s sporadic monsoon on cane growth this year, which could result in poor yields,” analyst Tabasoom Watak said in a report released on Sept. 6.

“To make matters worse, there is also worrying news about Australia’s wet weather, which has slowed the cane crush. Farmers have also reported flowering of the cane crop. This will most likely have a negative impact on yields as flowering often reduces the sugar content of the cane.”

Global sugar production is now estimated at 177.9 million tonnes, the second-largest output on record. The new forecast for global sugar consumption in 2023/24 is 179 million tonnes, down 100,000 tonnes since the last estimate released in August but still a record primarily due to population growth.

Czarnikow also estimates sugar production in Ukraine to rise by 474,000 tonnes from the previous season to 1.6 million tonnes in 2023/24, due to increased planting and favourable weather conditions.

**INDIA: Sugar prices rise to the highest level in 6 years**

Limited rainfall in key sugarcane growing regions has impacted sugar prices in India, which have increased by more than 3% in a fortnight to a peak in six years, according to Reuters.

This increase could discourage the government from authorizing sugar exports in the coming season.

The president of the Bombay Sugar Merchants Association, Ashok Jain, said sugar mills in the country are not willing to sell sugar at lower prices as they are worried that production could decline sharply in the new season due to drought.

**EGYPT: Factory will produce paper from sugarcane waste**

The Egyptian Sugar and Integrated Industries is in negotiations with a German company to establish a factory to produce paper from sugarcane waste, according to Egypt Today.

The chief executive officer (CEO) of the Egyptian Sugar and Integrated Industries, Essam al-Bedewy, said on Aug. 31 that the factory will span over 60 feddans in Qena’s Nagaa Hamadi, costing EGP4 billion to 5 billion (US\$129.4 million-161.8 million).

The construction of the factory is expected to take 1.5 to 2 years.

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**Severe Drought to Cut Thailand’s Sugar Output by Almost a Fifth** – Bloomberg -

Thailand’s sugar output will drop by almost a fifth in the upcoming harvest due to a severe drought, according to the country’s lead industry association, which will further tighten the global market. Production will fall by 18% to around 9 million tons in the 2023/24 season, said Rangsit Hiangrat, director of Thai Sugar Millers Corp. Extreme heat and dryness will probably become worse in the coming years, he said in a phone interview on Thursday. “Some farmers may switch to planting cassava” in the hope the crop will better withstand the heat, Rangsit said. “With this kind of drought, I doubt that any crop will grow well. Sugar cane, cassava or rice will all suffer.”

**Food Navigator.com**

**From low-sugar to climate change: The macro trends shaping food, beverage innovation**



Food and beverage CPG brands looking to stay ahead of the market are innovating around reduced sugar, plant-based eating, and sustainability, Barb Stuckey, chief Innovation & marketing officer at Mattson, shared during an IDBBA webinar on leading consumer trends.

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