



# International Sugar Organization

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### The ISO welcomes Chad as 83<sup>rd</sup> member state

**Chad** has recently joined the 1992 International Sugar Agreement becoming the 83rd member state of the International Sugar Organization (ISO).

Chad is a land-locked medium-scale African cane sugar producer. In 2007/08 the country is estimated to produce 40 thousand tonnes of sugar. In recent years, in order to cover domestic demand Chad also has to import annually from 45 to 55 thousand tonnes from the world market. Chad's accession is particularly welcome because it further strengthens the representation of African producers, in general, and CEMAC (Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa) countries in the Organization.

The 83 member states of the ISO represent (based on data for 2006) **83 % of world sugar production, 65 % of world consumption, 95% of world exports and 40% of world imports.**