



International Sugar Organization

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The ISO welcomes Croatia as 82nd member state

Croatia has recently joined the 1992 International Sugar Agreement becoming the 82nd member state of the International Sugar Organization (ISO).

Croatia is a medium-size European beet sugar producer. With an estimated production in excess of 260 thousand tonnes and consumption of 205 thousand tonnes Croatia is expected to become a net-exporter in 2007/08. Croatia enjoys a preferential access to the EU market under the EU-Balkan Free Trade Agreement. From January to August 2007 the EU imported 115.4 thousand tonnes of white sugar from Croatia. Croatia's accession is particularly welcome because it reinforces the representation of beet sugar producing countries in the Organization.

The 82 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.***