

PRESS RELEASE

The ISO welcomes Indonesia as 86th member state

On 12th May **Indonesia** joined the 1992 International Sugar Agreement becoming the 86th member-state of the International Sugar Organization (ISO).

Indonesia is the world's ninth largest sugar consumer. It is also the world's ninth cane sugar producer as well as one of the world's leading importing countries. In 2010/11 (October/September) Indonesia is expected to produce 2.7 mln tonnes, to consume 5.5 mln tonnes and to purchase from the world market 2.8 mln tonnes. Indonesia's accession is particularly welcome because it further strengthens the representation of importing countries in the Organization.

The 86 member-states of the ISO represent (based on data for 2009) ***83 % of world sugar production, 69 % of world consumption, 95 % of world exports and 47 % of world imports.***

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