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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.

Sugaronline E-Briefing

BRAZIL: President signs executive order allowing unilateral retaliation at the WTO

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro has signed an executive order allowing the country to retaliate unilaterally in trade disputes if the hearings about them continue to be suspended at the World Trade Organization (WTO), according to Reuters.

The executive order was published in Brazil's official gazette on Jan. 27.

The Brazilian government said it had decided to authorize this measure due to the suspension of the works of the WTO Appellate Body. The United States has blocked new appointments to the Appellate Body and there are no board members to decide on disputes, and appeals are left in a legal void.

According to a source in the Ministry of Economy, the measures paves the way for Brazil to unilaterally retaliate India and Indonesia in trade disputes regarding sugar and poultry meat, respectively.

GERMANY: Confectioners report supply issues

A supply squeeze on commodities including sugar and cocoa and global logistics problems are hitting production, Germany's confectioners' association warned on Jan. 27, according to Reuters.

"The market for important raw materials has been swept empty, longtime logistics chains no longer function," said Carsten Bernoth, chief executive of the confectionery producers association.

Chocolate makers are suffering from high world commodity prices including for wheat, sugar, milk powder, sunflower oil and soyoil, he said.

Poor harvests in some global regions coupled with heavy demand for commodities from industry in Asia had pushed prices higher. The recent surge in energy costs with a doubling of electricity prices was also hitting German industry, he said.

Rising costs for global container shipping were also an increasing burden.

RUSSIA: Plans to extend sugarbeet planting in 2022

The Ministry of Agriculture of Russia has declared a target of extending the planted area under grains, oilseeds and sugar beet in the country in 2022, according to APK Inform.

The total planted area under agriculture crops is planned to be extended by 0.9 m hectares on last year to 81.3 million ha.

The total will include some 48 m ha under grains and pulses, as well as 13.9 m ha under feed crops, and 1.07 million ha under sugar beet.

MEXICO: Pánuco sets production record

Pánuco mill has reached a new production record on its 81st day of the season, producing 109,000 metric tonnes of sugar and crushing more than 1 million tonnes of sugarcane, according to El Sol de Tampico.

At least 38% of the sugarcane crushed was harvested with machines and 62% was manually harvested.

Pánuco plans to become the top national sugar producer in production volume.

The Independent Newspaper

Sweet safety: Council to trial sugar cane bollards

A UK local authority is introducing bollards made from sugar cane as part of its sustainability pledge.



Hampshire County Council is trialling the [plant-based](#) bollards to save cash and reduce carbon costs.

The 'non-crete' bollards are low carbon because they are not made of concrete and they do not have the associated carbon costs in terms of manufacturing. A key constituent of concrete is cement, and the cement industry is responsible for around 7-8 per cent of global [carbon dioxide emissions](#).

The council says the new polymer-based bollards are resilient, and if struck they do not splinter and should not disrupt the foundation base in the pavement.

Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, the council's executive member for highways operations, said: "This is a great opportunity to effect positive change at a local level and really reflects the County Council's determination to play its part on the critical issue of climate change and carbon reduction.

"Innovations like this will make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint, leading the way in sustainable construction.

"These new biopolymer bollards are made from sugar cane and when sugar cane grows it absorbs CO₂. This '[carbon capture](#)' actually reduces the carbon levels in the atmosphere – providing a negative carbon footprint.

"Climate resilience is crucial and rising temperatures, increased flooding and more extreme weather events have already been felt in Hampshire."

The sugar cane used to produce the bollards is regulated and adheres to local and international standards of sustainability. Each bollard costs £150, compared to £190 for concrete.

Hampshire County Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and is committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050 and being prepared for a two-degree rise in temperature.

[Sweet safety: Council to trial sugar cane bollards \(msn.com\)](#)

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'Beyond the usual suspects': Report scrapes social media to identify emerging trends



Used by Nestlé, PepsiCo, Givaudan, Campbell's, Coca-Cola, General Mills, Dole, and more, Tastewise, the AI-powered real-time food intelligence solution, is sharing the top consumer food and beverage trends for 2022.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/01/31/beyond-the-usual-suspects-report-scrapes-social-media-to-identify-emerging-trends>
