



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.

Sugaronline Ebriefing

VIETNAM: 10% ethanol blending in gasoline to become effective from 2026

Vietnam will adopt a 10% ethanol blending in gasoline sold across the country from Jan. 1, 2026, supporting its plan to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and advancing a low-carbon, sustainable energy model, according to Vietnam News.

Vietnam will need between 1 million and 1.5 million cubic metres of ethanol annually to achieve E10, according to Trần Minh, deputy director of the Department of Innovation, Green Transition and Industrial Promotion of the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT).

The country's domestic ethanol production is enough to meet about 40% of that demand.

UK: NFU says free trade agreement with India protects British sugar sector

The free trade agreement signed by the United Kingdom and India maintains British food standards and protects most sensitive farming sectors, including sugar, according to the British farmers' group NFU.

"Ministers have clearly listened to our concerns around upholding the UK's production standards and safeguarding our most sensitive farming sectors by maintaining the current level of tariffs for imports of sugar, chicken, eggs and pork," NFU president Tom Bradshaw said in a [statement](#) on July 25.

The UK and India signed the free trade deal on July 24, more than three years after negotiations began. NFU had urged the government to exclude sugar from the trade deal since talks started in 2022.

In the agri-food sector, the UK will see [tariff reductions](#) for whisky and gin, salmon, chocolate, biscuits and lamb exported to India.

INDIA: Government to finalise norms for E27 by August end – minister

India's minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, said on July 24 that the government will finalise norms for a 27% ethanol blending in petrol (E27) by the end of August, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI).

Gadkari made the statement while addressing an event in New Delhi, according to the news report. India has achieved its 20% ethanol blending target in petrol ahead of the initial 2030 schedule, according to sugarcane industry association ISMA.

BRAZIL: Ethanol imports could rise by more than 5x with E30

Consultancy Argus estimates that Brazil's ethanol imports could increase by more than five times between August 2025 and March 2026, pushed by the higher anhydrous ethanol blend in gasoline (E30) and a favourable price scenario for international purchases, according to Reuters.

Argus expects Brazil's ethanol imports between 400 million and 800 million litres from August to March compared to 148.3 million litres in the same period last year. A large volume of these imports should be supplied by the United States.

US: Government seeks to establish a uniform definition for ultra-processed foods

The US government announced on July 23 the opening of a request for information (RFI) to help establish a "federally recognised uniform definition for ultra-processed foods", as part of initiatives under the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) strategy led by Health and Human Services secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., reports Sugaronline.

The RFI is a joint effort by the US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration to gather information on the factors and criteria that should be included in a definition of ultra-processed foods.

"A uniform definition of ultra-processed foods will allow for consistency in research and policy to pave the way for addressing health concerns associated with the consumption of ultra-processed foods," the USDA said in a [statement](#).

The agencies said that a uniform definition for ultra-processed foods would serve "as a key deliverable" on the heels of the recently published Make Our Children Healthy Again Assessment, which states that overconsumption of ultra-processed foods is one of the driving factors of the childhood chronic disease crisis.

The government agencies claim that around 70% of packaged products in the US food supply are foods often considered ultra-processed and that children get over 60% of their calories from such foods.

The USDA also said the FDA and the National Institutes of Health are investing in research to help answer "remaining questions" about the health impacts of ultra-processed foods through its recently announced Nutrition Regulatory Science Program.

"The Department will also continue to pursue developing and implementing other key policies and programs that seek to, collectively, dramatically reduce chronic disease and help ensure a healthy future for our nation," said the USDA.

ED & F Man Daily**Turkey's Safi Holding aims for \$200mn sugar plant in Kazakhstan amid sector shortfalls** - bne IntelliNews -

Turkish industrial conglomerate Safi Holding has announced plans to invest up to \$200mn in a high-tech sugar processing facility in Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Agriculture reported on July 25 following a meeting between Agriculture Minister Aidarbek Saparov and Safi Holding CEO Safi Atakan. The proposed plant would process up to 1mn tonnes of sugar beets annually and produce approximately 140,000 tonnes of sugar. Potential factory sites are under evaluation, with key selection criteria including access to arable land for beet cultivation and proximity to logistics and utilities infrastructure. "Kazakhstan presents favourable conditions for expanding sugar processing operations," Atakan said during the meeting, praising the country's agro-industrial potential. The project aligns with Kazakhstan's broader strategy to expand domestic agricultural processing and reduce dependence on sugar imports. A similar initiative by UAE-based Al Khaleej Sugar is under way in southern Kazakhstan.

Raízen sells distributed generation plants to Thopen and Gera for R\$600 million -

Reuters - Raízen has signed the sale of 55 distributed power generation plants, in a deal in line with its strategy of recycling its asset portfolio, aiming to improve its capital structure, and which will yield around R\$600 million for the company. In the transaction announced this Thursday, 44 plants were sold to Thopen Energia and 11 to Grupo Gera, totaling a nominal installed capacity of up to 142 megawatt-peak (MWp). According to Raízen, the corresponding sales amounts will be received as the plants are transferred to the buyers, with completion expected by March 2026. The sale of the power plants follows other divestments made by the company to [return to its core businesses](#), such as sugar and ethanol production and fuel distribution, and reduce its net debt, which ended the 2024/25 harvest above R\$30 billion.

IMF raises concern over Pakistan's tax-free sugar imports - Chinimandi -

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has expressed serious concerns over Pakistan's recent decision to import 500,000 metric tonnes of sugar without taxes, saying the move violates key commitments under the ongoing \$7 billion bailout programme. The issue came into focus after sugar prices hit a record high of Rs 200 per kg, according to the latest inflation data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. In response to the surge and tight domestic supply, the federal government waived nearly all import taxes to allow the sugar inflow, prompting strong objections from the IMF. Government sources told The Express Tribune that the IMF rejected Pakistan's justification that the decision was taken under a food emergency. The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) had written to the IMF defending the move, but the Fund did not accept the explanation.

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EU – The EU's July MARS report lowered the forecast for 2025 sugar beet yields to 74.8mt/ha, down from 76.3mt/ha previously expected, but still 2% above the five-year average. We should expect an increase in the August report as July has seen good volume of rains in much of Europe. In France, a petition against a bill that would reintroduce the neonicotinoid reached is close to 2 million signatures, which may force a debate at the National Assembly. The ITB institute, meanwhile, warned that the yellowing disease has spread to the entire country. In Poland, the National Association of Sugar Beet Growers warned that many beet farmers will struggle to generate a profit with prices dropping to EUR 30/mt, down from EUR 50/mt two years ago.

FoodNavigator.com**Grupo Bimbo: The \$20bn bakery giant turning processed food on its head**

With 99% of its portfolio now additive-free and a strategy built for a world turning against ultra-processed foods, the Mexican company is quietly reshaping the global food game

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/07/28/grupo-bimbo-the-20b-bakery-giant-redefining-processed-food/>

What's driving consumers' beverage choices?



Highlights from Keurig Dr Pepper's beverage trend report

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/07/28/whats-driving-consumers-beverage-choices/>

What's stevia's sweet spot?



Stevia sweetness is a spectrum

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/07/21/stevia-innovations-highlight-shifting-consumer-preferences-in-sweetness/>