

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate C. Economics of agricultural markets (and CMO) C.1. Arable crops, sugar, animal feed, fibre plants

## Non-exhaustive list of issues and questions to facilitate preparations for bilateral meetings

## SUGAR SECTOR

### 1) WTO (GATT) COMMITMENTS

- on subsidized exports :
  - quantity
  - financial volume
- and on bound import tariffs
- WTO bound market access granted for third countries

# 2) BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS (exports/imports, tariffs, etc.)

**3) IMPORT CONDITIONS APPLIED (import duties, also additional duties if applicable, licenses and/or other certificates required)** 

## 4) INSTITUTIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR

- control of production and stocks (e.g. quotas)
- institutional prices applied and scope of application (e.g. intervention price,

minimum/maximum purchase/selling price, etc.)

- import/export licencing, control and/or monitoring of trade
- accounting for public budget revenue and expenditure in the sugar sector
- communication of statistics (see for example Regulation (EC) No 799/96 and Regulation (EC) No 314/2002)

- rules related to inter-trade relations (i.e. beet growers and processors; see Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001)

## 5) STRUCTURE OF THE SUGAR SECTOR

- number of sugar beet growers and the average size of beet farms

- number of sugar producing undertakings together with the number of operational factories they own

- number of state owned sugar producing undertakings

- total number of existing sugar factories and total number of sugar factories that processed sugar beet in the 2005/06 campaign

- average daily sugar beet processing capacity of the operational factories
- number of raw sugar refineries, broken down as:
  - a) exclusively raw sugar refining
  - b) mixed operation (beet processing and raw sugar refinig)

- is there any production of sugar cane?

#### 6) STRUCTURE OF THE ISOGLUCOSE SECTOR

- number of undertakings involved in isoglucose production together with the number of production plants they own

#### 7) FRUCTOSE

Raw material and the processing method used for fructose production

#### 8) SECTORIAL PUBLIC BODIES

- Short description of public bodies and government organisations participating in the regulation of the sugar markets (production, trade, support schemes, price monitoring, etc.)

- State reserves if any

#### 9) Please indicate any particular information relevant to this sector