

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