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CIUS and COFALEC believe that the Commission's proposal to allow 650 000 tonnes of out of quota sugar exports during the 2011-2012 marketing year is premature

CIUS is the Committee of European Users of Sugar.

CIUS represents the European sugar-using food and beverage industries. CIUS members purchase and use almost 70% of the European annual consumption of sugar through its incorporation in a wide variety of added-value products and provide direct employment for over 350,000 people.

COFALEC (Confédération des Fabricants de Levure de l'UE) represents the European Union yeast industry. Yeast is a living micro-organism (Saccharomyces sp.) obtained through fermentation and is used in a very wide range of traditional applications: Bakery, Alcoholic beverages (Beer, Wine, Spirits,..), Food preparations, Feed products

In the past weeks, the European Commission has taken several positive steps to respond to the very tight supply of sugar on the EU market.

There is no evidence today that internal market supply and demand balances will return to equilibrium within the coming months, or during the next marketing year, despite the Commission's recent corrective measures.

CIUS and COFALEC urge the Sugar Management Committee to reconsider the timing of its proposal to allow out of quota sugar exports and, not to make any decisions until EU sugar market supply returns to a sound and fair position.

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