

Additional exports of sugar: COFALEC urges the Commission not to reduce the Industrial Sugar resources within the EU.

The Commission proposes to increase the Exports of Out of Quota Sugar to 1 million tons (see Midday Express of Friday, November 12th 2010). The Yeast Industry is one of the main users of Out of Quota Sugar (and Molasses) in the EU.

Since the mid-2000 the availability of raw materials for the fermenting industries significantly decreased, due to the combined effect of the reduction of the European sugar production (Reform of the Sugar Common Market Organisation) and also due to the development of subsidized bio-ethanol production which rely on the same feedstock i.e. Molasses and Industrial Sugar.

The proposal of the Commission is not based on a careful analysis of the European sugar market, because such an analysis demonstrates that an increase of the exports to 1 millions tons of Out of Quota Sugar will result in the disappearance of any Industrial Sugar stocks in the EU.

Users of Industrial Sugar currently experience an very tense situation on the EU market. Due to that critical situation, COFALEC asks the Commission not to allow any increase of Out of Quota Sugar Exports, and not to allow either the conversion of any Industrial Sugar into Quota Sugar in the course of the campaign.

COFALEC members cannot accept that the rules of the game, within the Sugar CMO, keep changing continuously and that the limited resources of Out of Quota Sugar become the adjustment factor of an ill-functioning Sugar CMO.

About COFALEC:

COFALEC (CONfédération des FABricants de LEvure de l'UE) represents the European Union yeast industry. Yeast is used in a very wide range of traditional applications: Bakery, Alcoholic beverages (Beer, Wine, Spirits, Cider..), Food preparations, Feed products...