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CIBE POSITION ON SUGAR MARKET OBSERVATORY

CIBE welcomes the initiative by Commissioner P. Hogan to set up a Sugar Market Observatory. Ahead of the observatory's kick-off meeting, CIBE would like to reiterate its position regarding the transparency on the EU sugar market post-2017.

On the eve of a profound reform and in a context of high volatility on the global sugar markets (between October 2016 and June 2017, sugar value on the world market has lost 50%), CIBE considers crucial to provide all operators, and in particular beet growers, with the necessary elements to be able to react to market signals and in particular:

1. The communication of sugar market price notifications at least per EU geographical zone, with no more than a one month delay.
2. The notification and communication of EU isoglucose market prices.
3. The notification and communication of beet prices at national level, and not only at EU level, and the follow-up and analysis of these figures.
4. Timely (weekly) information on all sugar export and import trade flows based on a "customs surveillance" data system.
5. The continuation of notifications of imported raw and white sugar prices from ACP countries as from 1st October 2017.
6. The publication of regular and reliable balance sheets by the Commission, for sugar and isoglucose as well as for ethanol.
7. To provide all operators, in particular beet growers, with robust sugar consumption figures and analysis of the dynamics of sugar consumption at EU level.

These elements are an essential part of a consistent sugar market observatory so as to keep up with the post-2017 needs to ensure symmetrical, high-quality, reliable and timely information for all stakeholders and to avoid that the level of transparency be lower in the post-quota period than during the quota period.

Therefore, CIBE calls to have these elements taken into consideration and to seize the opportunity of the Sugar Market Observatory to progress on these issues, in line with the recommendations of the European Parliament and with the recommendations of the Agricultural Markets Task Force.