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CEFS STATEMENT ON THE EFSA DRAFT SCIENTIFIC OPINION ON THE TOLERABLE UPPER INTAKE LEVEL FOR DIETARY SUGARS

As European association of sugar manufacturers (CEFS), we have been closely following the developments with regard to the EFSA scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for dietary sugars. CEFS has always been supportive of science-based decision-making and of EFSA's work, and we appreciate that EFSA has taken sufficient time to deliver this draft opinion.

Fully respecting the process, we will now take the time to carefully analyse the draft opinion and we will provide constructive comments during the 2-month consultation period that has now been launched, in view of the final opinion's publication most likely around December 2021-January 2022.

During our in-depth analysis, we will look into how EFSA has taken into account available scientific studies and how they – on this basis – have reached conclusions. We will also pay attention to how the conclusions with regard to sugars are put into context and how the other risk factors to the various assessed endpoints are referred to in the draft opinion. This is important for a proper understanding of the scientific advice and any actions derived from it.

Founded in 1953, CEFS represents European beet sugar manufacturers, cane sugar producers and refiners covering sugar production in 18 EU countries (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden) plus the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

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