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PRESS STATEMENT

CEFS REACTION TO UK'S NEW RAW SUGAR AUTONOMOUS TARIFF QUOTA

On 7 January 2022, the UK Government announced an extension of the 260,000 mt Autonomous Tariff rate Quota (ATQ) for raw sugar for refining for three more years - until 31 December 2024.

The UK's approach is alarming, since it undermines existing concessions offered to sugar producers around the world, including the EU and African, Caribbean & Pacific and least-developed countries (ACP/LDCs).

Following Brexit, sugar exports from the EU to the UK and vice versa have fallen substantially. A similar trend can be observed in the imports from the ACP/LDCs, where between 2019/20 and 2020/21, the shipments of raw sugar refining to the UK have significantly declined.

Considering all the above, CEFS would like to reiterate that neither additional concessions nor additional access to the UK market should be granted to new countries, since this will negatively impact both the EU and ACP/LDC sugar industries.

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