

Inward processing arrangements for raw cane sugar

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2026/1124](#) on the suspension of inward processing arrangements for raw cane sugar to obtain white sugar

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has suspended the inward processing customs procedure for imports of raw cane sugar classified under CN codes 1701 13 90 and 1701 14 90, when used to produce white sugar under CN code 1701 99 10. This procedure allows importers not to pay tariffs on imported raw materials, provided they export an equivalent quantity of processed products containing those materials.

This measure aims to address disturbances in the EU sugar market caused by increasing imports of raw cane sugar under inward processing arrangements. These imports have contributed to lower sugar prices.

Exporters of raw cane sugar that previously supplied EU refiners under inward processing arrangements may face reduced demand, as imports of raw cane sugar will no longer be duty-free. However, exporters supplying sugar under preferential trade arrangements such as the [generalised scheme of tariff preferences](#) may find their competitive position improved with an increased demand for raw cane sugar.

Timeline

The inward processing arrangements are suspended from **27 May 2026**. The suspension will be reviewed in November 2026.

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