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Dear Mr Kemaloglu,

Thank you for your email to Unit G.4 of 6 July 2021 in which you ask for clarification on the rules applying to the production and marketing of sugar and isoglucose in the EU.

Sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup are part of the common organisation of the markets for agricultural products¹ under the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Until 2017, a system of production quotas for sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup was in place. In the light of the transformation of the CAP towards a market oriented and non-trade distortive policy, the system of production quotas has ended. For the sugar sector, this meant that on 1 October 2017, all production limitations were lifted and restrictions on exports ended. Consequently, producers of sugar in all forms now have to operate in a deregulated EU market that is guided by international prices and global market developments.

To allow for the frictionless free movement of goods within the internal market of the European Union, common rules on manufacturing and marketing conditions relating to certain sugars for human consumption are laid down in Council Directive 2001/111/EC².

This opinion is provided on the basis of the facts set out in your email of 6 July 2021 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours faithfully,

p.o. Michael NIEJAHR
in absence of
Michael SCANNELL

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02013R1308-20201229>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32001L0111>

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