

Restructuring of the Sugar industry - CEFS Position
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CEFS takes note that the Commission announced today (31st January 2008) in the Sugar management committee a quota renunciation for 2008/2009 equal to 2.09 million tonnes including 0.02 for isoglucose quota and 0.13 million tonnes for quota sugar to be renounced in 09/10.

CEFS takes note that this figure is not the definitive one because some Member States have not yet communicated their total figure to the Commission.

CEFS expects that in the coming days, as announced in its press release on 26th September 2007, *the Commission will let companies know after the first step to what extent they risk an uncompensated cut in 2010 if they do not participate in the second step.*

CEFS also expects that to make this second step to happen and to fill as much as possible of the gap with the EU total target for quotas to be renounced in the period from 1st July 2006 until 31st January 2009, the Commission will implement a preventive withdrawal.

The CEFS Board will meet on 6th February to examine all the consequences of this issue and will report its position to the Commission during the next Advisory Group on Sugar scheduled on 18th February.

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