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SUA Statement on Commerce Department's Decision to Launch Mexican Sugar Investigation

Washington, DC (April 18, 2014) – The [Sweetener Users Association](#) (SUA) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Commerce Department's decision to initiate an investigation of U.S. sugar producers' antidumping and countervailing duty petition against Mexico.

“The producers have the right to file these actions, and the Commerce Department determined that the sugar industry's petition satisfies the relevant requirements for initiating an investigation. The Commerce Department's initiation of an investigation is routine and expected, but does not mean that the domestic industry's request for relief has merit.

“As expressed today by witnesses who testified on behalf of SUA before the USITC regarding the petition, any actions to restrict Mexican imports will harm U.S. sugar-using companies that depend on a consistent and reliable supply of sugar. In addition, imports from Mexico are not responsible for reducing U.S. sugar production or the market share of U.S. sugar producers. The current market situation is well within the parameters of how the government-managed sugar market normally behaves.

“What is needed now is U.S. sugar reform to fix a program the sugar lobby has engineered and is characterized by tight government-imposed limits on both imported and domestic sugar supplies – distorting the market and leading to severe fluctuations in supply and price.”

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