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In the framework of the Common Agricultural policy, the reform of the EU sugar regime of 2006 aimed at increasing the sugar sector's sustainability, resilience and its competitiveness. The end of production quotas is only the last step of this reform process. Today the EU sugar sector is as market oriented as other agricultural sectors. As far as trade policy is concerned, the conditions for access to the EU sugar market have not been altered with the end of the production quotas. Under these circumstances, the Commission does not consider the need for a change of the sugar provisions under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products¹, other than those included in the legislative proposal of the European Commission on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

In addition, the 2007 Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity-related Health Issues² and the Action Plan on Childhood Obesity 2014-2020³ promote a balanced diet and active lifestyle and refer to the need to reduce the exposure of children to aggressive marketing or promotion related to an unhealthy diet.

In 2015, the Member States representatives of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity⁴ agreed on the Added Sugars Annex⁵ to the EU Framework for National Initiatives on Selected Nutrients⁶. This Annex is a voluntary tool for supporting Member States to address the challenge of unhealthy diets by reducing the excessive intakes of calories and sugars by promoting a voluntary reduction of 10% in added sugars in processed food by 2020.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p 671

² https://ec.europa.eu/health/nutrition_physical_activity/policy/strategy_en

³ http://ec.europa.eu/health/nutrition_physical_activity/docs/childhoodobesity_actionplan_2014_2020_en.pdf

⁴ http://ec.europa.eu/health/nutrition_physical_activity/high_level_group/index_en.htm

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/nutrition_physical_activity/docs/added_sugars_en.pdf

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