



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES

PRESS RELEASE FOR REGULATION IN TRADE ON SUGAR

In the last few months the country has witnessed critical shortages of a number of commodities including sugar. As a result of this the price of sugar increased dramatically and affected the consumers. The shortage of sugar arose as a result of domestic shortfall in production as compared to the demand, both domestic and regional. Moreover, the international supply as well was tight given that the global production was short of global demand by about 4 million tons.

In August 2011 government decided to authorize duty free import of sugar to supplement domestic production and stem the increase in prices. In spite on this however the prices have not dropped significantly.

Following further consultation with the sugar industry, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives has put in place measures to regulate trade in sugar. With effect from 15th October 2011, all exporters of sugar are required to hold an Export Certificate issued by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. This is a temporary measure that we are applying in accordance with our rights under GATT Article XI (2) (a) and similar measures taken by regional partners.

For details on this measure, please the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Floor 3, Farmers' House, 6/8 Parliament Avenue, Kampala.