

Press release

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Improve your own CO₂ footprint with Südzucker sugar

First sugar verified by TÜV-Süd with 43% CO₂ reduction available from now on for industry customers

Südzucker supports B2B sugar customers in their efforts to make their own products more sustainable. To this end, Südzucker offers the new CO₂-reduced sugar from the Bavarian sugar factory in Plattling, whose 43% lower CO₂ footprint has now also been officially verified by TÜV Süd. The reduction in the carbon footprint for this limited quantity of sugar is achieved by adding the biogas generated during wastewater treatment in the factory to the production of this quantity of sugar. As a result, the sugar has a 43% lower product carbon footprint (PCF) than conventional EU2 white sugar from Plattling, resulting in a footprint of 0.313 t CO₂eq per tonne of white sugar. TÜV Süd has checked this allocation method of biogas in the production process and verified the CO₂ reduction in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14067: 2019 in its verification statement. Based on this verification, Südzucker customers who use this sugar as an ingredient in their products can also allocate this lower PCF in the calculation of their scope 3 CO₂eq footprint.

„We are proud to be the first sugar producer to offer verified CO₂-reduced sugar to our industrial customers. The TÜV Süd verification statement means that this 43% lower PCF can be counted towards our customers' scope 3 emission reduction targets“, says Otto Brehm, CSO of the Südzucker Sugar Division. “In the future, our customers will be able to offer their products without having to adjust their recipes and at the same time work towards fulfilling their sustainability goals.“



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About the Südzucker Group

Südzucker is a major player in the food industry with its sugar, special products, starch and fruit segments, and Europe's leading ethanol producer with its CropEnergies segment.

In the traditional sugar business, the group is Europe's number one supplier of sugar products, with 23 sugar factories and two refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia, and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, with its consumer-oriented functional ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger) and portion packs (PortionPack Group), operates in dynamic growth markets. Südzucker's CropEnergies segment is Europe's leading producer of renewable ethanol, with production sites in Germany, Belgium, France and Great Britain. Other products in this segment are protein food and animal feed products as well as biogenic carbon dioxide. The starch segment comprises AGRANA's starch and ethanol activities. The group's fruit segment operates globally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2022/23, the group employed about 18.300 persons and generated revenues of about EUR 9.5 billion.