European Starch Group Opposes Extending Sugar Quotas to 2020

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Jan. 14 (Bloomberg) -- The European Starch Industry Association, which represents 24 companies, opposes extending quotas on sugar and isoglucose production to 2020 before next week’s vote in the European Parliament.

The proposal by Michael Dantin, a French member of Parliament, “merely extends an unfair and anti-competitive system, and continues to restrict the European starch industry’s production of isoglucose, a cereal-based sugar, to less than 5 percent of the total EU sugar production quota,” the Brussels-based group said in an e-mailed statement today. The Parliament is voting on the proposal on Jan. 23-24, it said.

The European Commission proposed last year ending the quota system in 2015.

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