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MEETING ON SUGAR SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY

The Government through the Ministry of Trade and Industry held a meeting with local sugar producing companies namely Illovo Sugar Malawi plc and Salima Sugar Company Limited on 19th March, 2024. Also present at the meeting were sugar distributors.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sugar situation in the country and particularly the meeting agreed on necessary measures to be implemented in order to stabilize the supply of sugar in the country during this period whilst working on long term measures to ensure sustainable supply of sugar on the domestic market. The meeting also discussed measures to mitigate any business malpractices in the supply of sugar by the distributors as well as super markets in the country.

In this regard, Illovo Sugar Malawi plc and Salima Sugar Company Limited have committed that the production of sugar will commence within April, 2024.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry informed the meeting of the following:

- 1) That it will continue issuing import licence for Sugar until the situation normalizes;

- 2) That it will introduce regulations under the Business Licensing Act aimed at regulating distributors of sugar in the country. The aim is to protect consumers against unscrupulous distributors.

Government and Sugar Producing companies wish to assure the business community and the general public that they will continue monitoring the situation on availability of sugar on the market.



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