



Market transparency in the Sugar Sector State of Play

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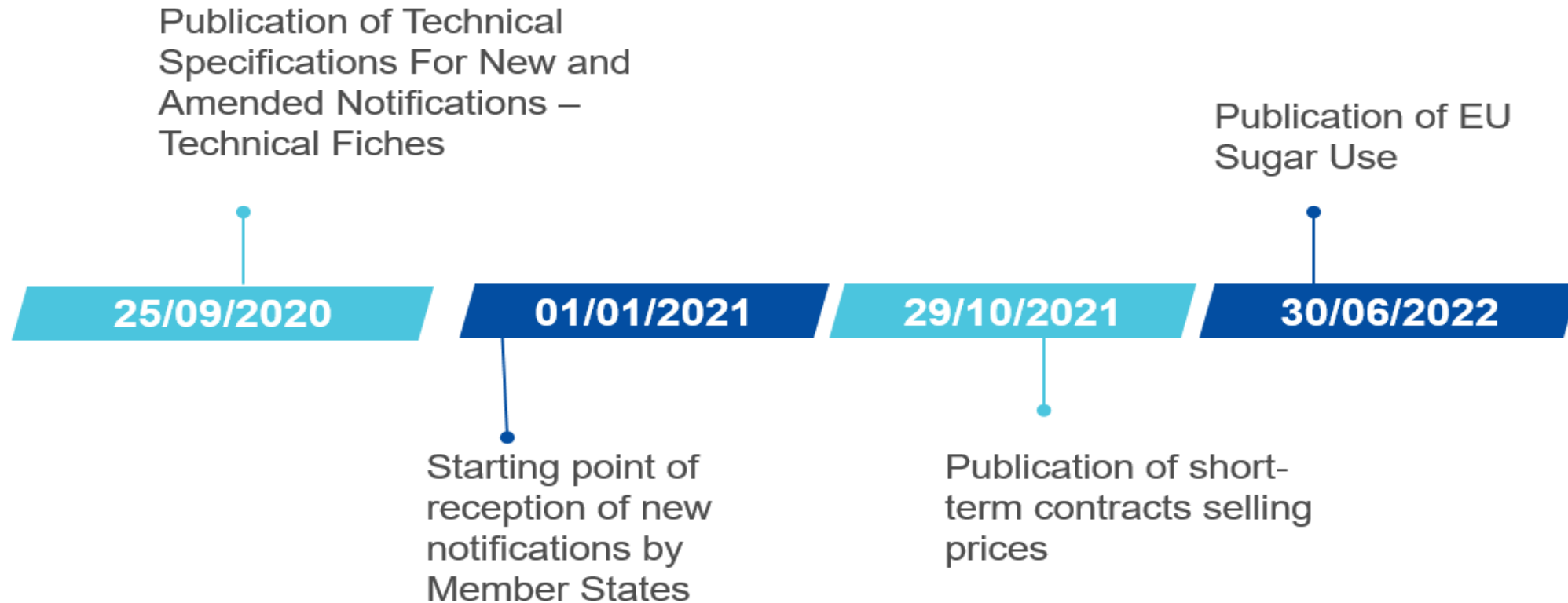
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1746 of 1 October 2019

NEW NOTIFICATIONS INTRODUCED

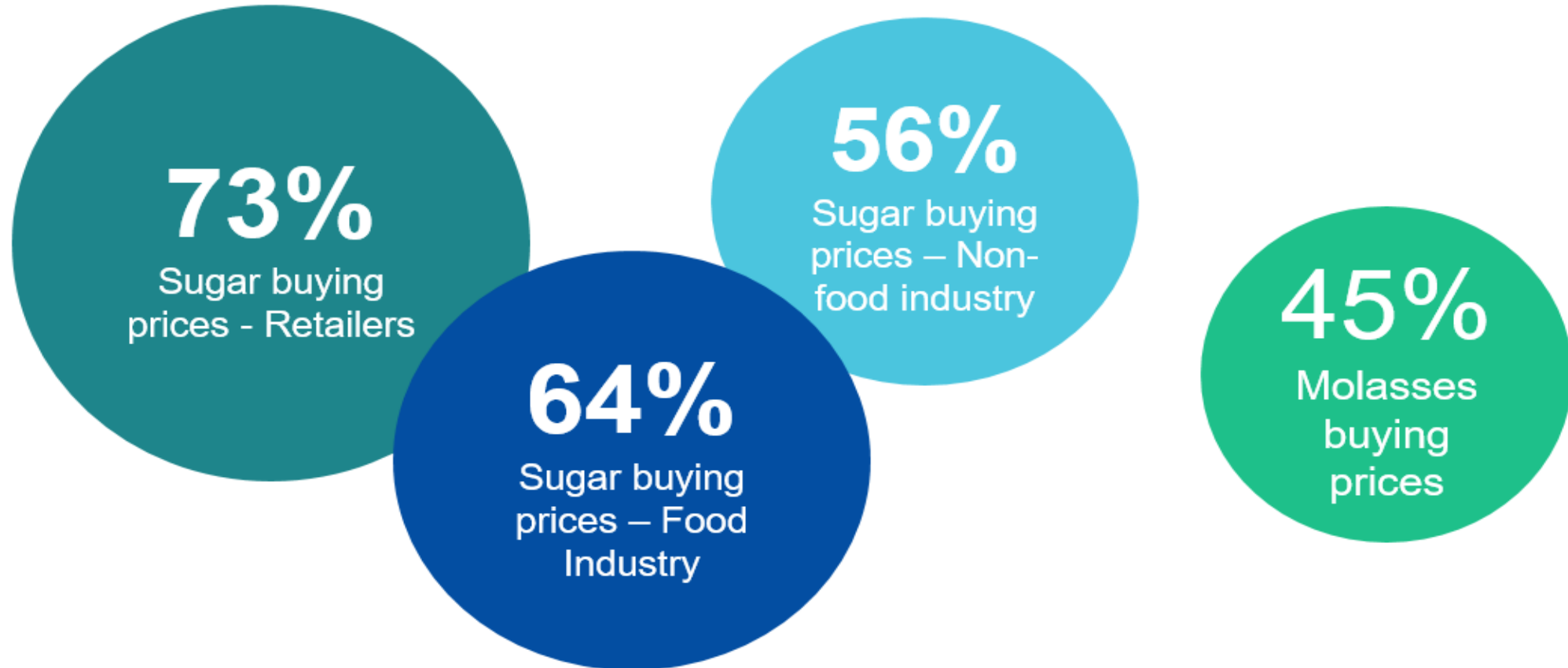
- **Short-term contracts selling prices:** The weighted averages, for the previous month, of the selling price on invoices corresponding to short-term contracts (per tonne)
- **Buying prices:** Retailers, food and non-food industry's representative buying prices of sugar and molasses (per tonne)
- **Sugar use:** Sugar sold by undertakings and refiners in the previous marketing year, split by destination
- **Agreements within the trade:** The contents of agreements within the trade between growers and undertakings as well of collective value sharing clauses

APPLICATION: *1 January 2021*

Timeline of Publications



Sugar Buying prices Notifications – Member States compliance



Actions taken by the Commission

- Dedicated point on Market Transparency in the majority of the monthly GREX meetings on Arable Crops and Olive Oil **and** during the meetings of the GREX for the CMO – Horizontal Questions in respect to Member States compliance and their reporting obligations.
- Letters sent to **ALL** Member States concerning missing communications in the end of 2021 and follow-up letters in April 2022.
- The Commission opened dialogue (via emails) in the last quarter of 2022 with the MS that were still not complying to investigate the hurdles encountered and provide assistance.
- Bilateral meetings with three Member States (October – November and December 2022).
- In January 2023 two Member States made a presentation in the GREX meeting on Horizontal Questions on the methodology used to collect buying prices.

Hurdles detected

- Operators are reluctant to share information on buying prices - confidentiality of data.
- In the non-notifying Member States:
 - a) negotiations between competent authorities and operators are still ongoing in view of resulting in a common accepted approach.
 - b) competent authorities seek to implement national legislation to oblige operators to start reporting and impose fines shall they not cooperate.

Follow-up

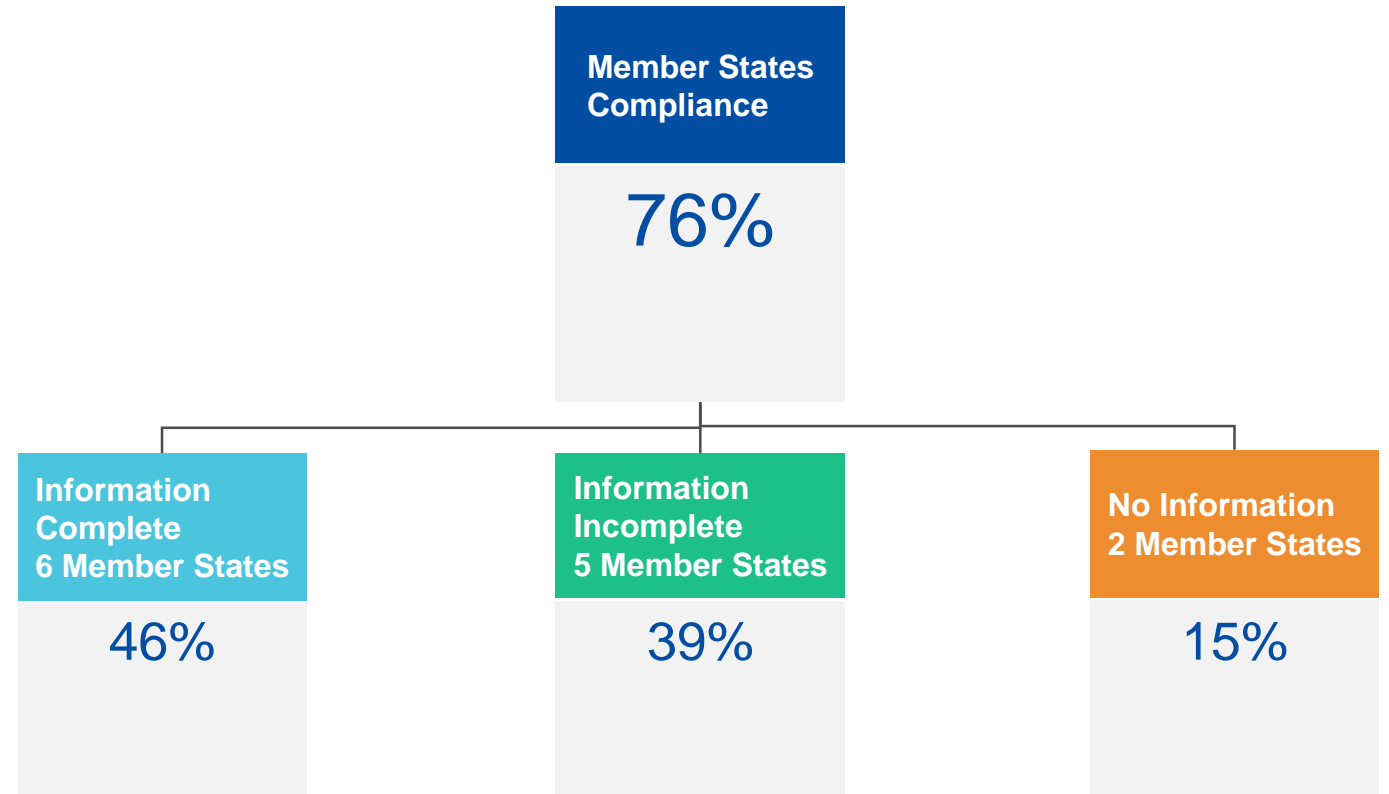
- Some missing notifications for sugar buying prices for retail sales and non-food industry are expected by the end of the last quarter 2023.
- The dialogue with the non-complying Member States is still open. Commission makes efforts to receive complete and reliable data in order to publish the sugar and molasses buying prices as soon as possible.

Agreements within the Trade Notifications – Member States compliance

Follow – up

Identification of main hurdles

Open dialogue with respective Member States soon





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Thank you



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