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## **SUA Statement on ITC Examination of U.S.-Mexico Suspension Agreements**

Washington, DC (January 23, 2015) – The [Sweetener Users Association](#) (SUA) released the following statement regarding today’s Federal Register [notice](#) announcing that the International Trade Commission (ITC) will examine the agreements suspending the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of Mexican sugar imports.

“We are pleased that the ITC is taking a second look at the ill-conceived suspension agreements in the AD and CVD investigations of Mexican sugar imports.

“Managed trade between the United States and Mexico that further restricts sugar imports is detrimental to the U.S. sugar-using industry, and ultimately all American consumers, because the United States does not produce enough sugar annually to meet our domestic needs. We have long argued, and will continue to argue, against such an arrangement, which sets a bad precedent for our bilateral trade relationship and could be locked in for several decades.

“From the time that U.S. sugar producers filed the AD and CVD petitions in March to this day, we have strongly advocated for the AD and CVD cases to be allowed to proceed to a final injury determination at the Commission, and we will continue to press for a continuation of the investigations.

“It is our firm belief that the real culprit is not Mexico; it’s the outdated sugar program. The Depression-era program has cost consumers and businesses billions a year, taxpayers nearly \$300 million in FY 2013 and the U.S. economy nearly 127,000 food manufacturing jobs.”

Learn more about the need to reform U.S. sugar policy at [www.sugarreform.org](http://www.sugarreform.org).

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