The Commission monitors trends in prices, domestic production and trade in sucrose (white sugar, CN 1701) and production of isoglucose (CN 1702). Data is shared with the delegates of the Common Market Organisation Committee for arable crops and olive oil on a monthly basis and published online1.

Trade data, on the basis of which import and export trends can be established, can be extracted via Comext by using CN codes of the sugar and sweeteners2, which can be found in the Combined Nomenclature3. Some commodities can only be found under the 10-digit TARIC (integrated tariff of the EU) codes. It should be noted that, for legal reasons, only data on sweeteners with 8-digit codes can be extracted by the wider public. Data on sweeteners with 10-digit codes can only be shared amongst the European Institutions in a confidential manner.

Data on domestic production of sweeteners4 – including sugar alcohols (also known as polyhydric alcohol or polyols) such as isomalt (E 953) – can be found via Prodcom5. Production data is collected and disseminated according to the Prodcom list classification for industrial production statistics6. If available, a correspondence between the Prodcom list headings and the CN commodities is provided via Eurostat’s CN search engine7 (from the ‘classify’ button).

Data on market prices of sweeteners is not available. On the basis of the trade data, the unit value could be established.

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2 Examples of CN codes for sucrose: 170191 and 170199; fructose: 170250; glucose: 170230; isomaltulose: 2940 and various sweeteners: 29054411, 29054419, 29054491, 29054499, 29054500, 29054300, 38246011, 38246019, 38246091, 38246099, 29251100, 29321400.
4 In the EU, monosaccharides, disaccharides or oligosaccharides (‘sugars’) used for their sweetening properties are not considered as food additives. Sugars not used for human consumption to a significant degree within the Union before 15 May 1997 fall under the novel food Regulation. Isomaltulose is authorised as a novel food and is listed in the annex to Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.
5 https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/prodcom/data/database
7 https://eurostat.prod.3ceonline.com/