UNITED™
SUGAR PRODUCERS & REFINERS

Date: September 22, 2026
Re: Ready to Eat (RTE) Statement

Dear Valued Customer,

Ready-to-eat food (RTE food) is defined as “any food that is normally eaten in its raw state or any other food, including a processed food, for which it is reasonably foreseeable that the food will be eaten without further processing that would significantly minimize biological hazards”.

Pure sugar is a refined food with low water activity, making it safe and historically useful for preserving other foods. Our granulated sugar is 99% pure sugar. United Sugar Producers and Refiners Cooperative (USPR) products are produced under current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) at locations that complete Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) audits to ensure our products are safe for human consumption and for RTE food applications without further processing required. Our products include:

Granulated Sugar
Powdered Sugar
Brown Sugar
Liquid Sugar

Please see additional letters for additional information:

FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) Compliance
Pure Food Grade Source-COO-FSMA-CODEX
Pathogen Testing
Micro Standards (product specific)
GRAS
Crystallization Process
Shelf Life (product specific)
Allergens

The purpose of this statement is to provide a clear and transparent overview of United Sugar Producers and Refiners' current policies and practices.

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