

**THE DOMINICAN SUGAR INDUSTRY WELCOMES ANNOUCEMENT OF AN INCREASE IN
THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE SUGAR CANE SECTOR**

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The Dominican Sugar Industry welcomes the announcement today by the National Salary Committee of an increase in the minimum wage applicable to both daily piece rate and monthly salaried workers in the sugar cane sector. The announcement comes after several months of discussions by the industry with the government on the importance of harmonizing the legal minimum wage in the sugar cane sector with other agricultural sector wages.

The legal minimum wage for piece rate workers in the sugar sector, such as cane cutters, is now set at RD 400 pesos for an eight hour day, consistent with the rate set in July 2021 for the general agricultural sector of RD 500 pesos for a 10 hour day. Generally, piece rate workers in the sugar cane sector make considerably in excess of the minimum wage rate, but the Dominican Sugar Industry urged that an existing differential be ended. Likewise, the monthly minimum wage for salaried workers in the sugar cane sector has been substantially increased.

The Dominican Sugar Industry is comprised of the Central Romana Corporation (CRC), Consorcio Azucarero de Empresas Industriales (CAEI), and Consorcio Azucarero Central (CAC).

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