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VITAMIN

01

- Following this week's suspension of quotations and price increases by vitamin A manufacturers, China's domestic market has seen a significant improvement in shipments through various channels, with downstream users actively placing orders. On the export side, VA 1000 has started to see transactions at USD 21–23/kg in certain regions.
- Some major Chinese niacinamide manufacturers have suspended domestic quotations due to sufficient order volumes. Prices under USD 3.61/kg are rare, with typical deals around USD 3.74/kg.
- Recently, Wanhua Chemical was granted a patent titled "A Method for Producing Vitamin A Palmitate". The method achieves a conversion rate of over 99%, significantly improving production efficiency and showing strong industrial potential.

AMINO ACID

02

On July 17, 2025, the European Commission announced a proposal to impose provisional anti-dumping duties on valine products originating from China, under Regulation (EU) 2016/1036. The measure responds to findings that low-priced imports from China have harmed the EU industry. The proposed duties vary by company: Shenyang CJ Bio Co., Ltd.: 32.2%, Bayannur Huaheng Biotechnology Co., Ltd.: 54.0%, Other cooperating companies: 42.8%, All other imports originating in the People's Republic of China. These rates are calculated on a CIF basis (excluding customs duties) and are associated with different TARIC additional codes for customs identification.

API

03

Hengxin Pharmaceutical, a subsidiary of Luoxin Pharma, has launched a USD 1.41 million upgrade project for its sterile synthesis facility, set to be completed by December 2025. Once operational, the facility will significantly expand production capacity for key cephalosporin APIs, including Cefotaxime, Cefuroxime, Sulbactam, and Cefoperazone.

Meanwhile, prices for Tylosin Tartrate (~USD 39.26/kg) and Tilmicosin Phosphate (~USD 42.38/kg) remain elevated due to tight supply, active inquiries, and decreasing inventories, with demand expected to rise in the near term.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

China's "silver economy" saw strong growth in H1 2025: Nutrition and health food revenue rose 6.9% YoY. Consumption of elderly supplements surged 30.1% YoY. This reflects a shift toward preventive healthcare, with increasing demand expected both domestically and globally.

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