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VITAMIN

01

- The vitamin market remained broadly stable last week, with prices trending slightly weaker. Nicotinic acid and niacinamide edged up on higher raw material costs, while deliveries stayed tight. Calcium pantothenate softened at low levels, and VB1 producers maintained price support amid weak demand.
- On January 8, Xiamen Kingdomway Group approved a partial reallocation of raised funds, shifting the original allulose and inositol project to a 10,000-ton oil project and a smart nutrition factory, implemented by its Inner Mongolia subsidiary. Total investment is about USD 88.81 million, with USD 64.99 million funded by raised capital (35.37% of net proceeds).

AMINO ACID

02

Last week, domestic valine prices rose to USD 1.73/KG amid tight spot availability and active inquiries. Production disruptions at some Inner Mongolia plants slowed deliveries, while downstream restocking supported solid transactions. Prices are expected to remain firm in the short term. Isoleucine supply also stayed tight, with limited spot availability and slightly higher prices, and the market is expected to remain firm pending producer order intake.

API

03

The veterinary API market remained generally weak, with sluggish demand and channel-driven destocking. Doxycycline and lincomycin hydrochloride declined faster due to supply-demand pressure, while tylosin and tilmicosin phosphate continued to edge down. Florfenicol fluctuated at low levels, amoxicillin saw producer-led price support, and oxytetracycline hydrochloride prices remained firm.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

- The food additive market remained stable last week. Sucralose prices held firm with potential upside, while acesulfame-K and aspartame stayed stable amid normal shipments. Creatine monohydrate supply was tight, with prices stable at USD 2.95–3.08/KG and delivery extending to late January. L-carnitine prices remained at USD 25.65–26.93/KG, with a firm outlook.
- Meanwhile, due to potential quality risks related to arachidonic acid oil, Nestlé initiated a precautionary global recall of certain infant formula batches across more than 50 countries and regions, including China. No health incidents have been reported, and affected products have been recalled or delisted as required.

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