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VITAMIN

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For Vitamin C, China accounts for nearly the entire global production capacity, with applications spanning pharmaceuticals, food, nutraceuticals, feed, and industrial sectors. The industry has been operating under prolonged losses, with intensified low-price competition driven by capacity release and market share maintenance. Based on market tracking and industry insights, a price recovery toward USD 5/kg is increasingly viewed as reasonable. For detailed analysis, refer to today's VEGA MARKET FLASH.

AMINO ACID

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- According to NHU's maintenance schedule, its Shandong solid methionine plant will undergo a shutdown starting June 10 for approximately five weeks, with priority given to fulfilling existing contracts.
- Meanwhile, XMYG Biochemical, together with partners, has industrialized a new-generation amino acid strain technology, achieving over 15% cost reduction and more than 20% reduction in waste emissions.

API

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- Doxycycline hydrochloride prices continue to rise, supported by tight supply and recovering demand, reaching a yearly high (around USD 46.2/kg). The market is expected to remain firm in the short term, with procurement recommended on a need basis.
- In addition, Eli Lilly China announced that its oral small-molecule GLP-1 receptor agonist Foundayo™ (orforglipron) has received FDA approval. As the first once-daily oral GLP-1 drug without dietary restrictions, it marks a significant shift from injectable therapies to oral treatments in the weight management market.

FOOD ADDITIVE

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On April 2, China's State Administration for Market Regulation released a draft of the 'Health Food Ingredient Catalogue: Lycopene,' proposing to include lycopene (in extract, oleoresin, purified, and synthetic forms) into the official filing catalogue. The draft specifies usage levels, functional claims, and technical requirements, with new claims including 'lycopene supplementation,' antioxidant effects, and immune support. Public consultation is open until May 10.

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