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VITAMIN

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Last week, the vitamin market remained generally stable. VE producers continued limited contract signing, with market prices temporarily stable, although producers still showed strong intentions to further increase prices. Meanwhile, manufacturers of vitamin B12 and inositol maintained firm pricing strategies, supporting stable market prices. Delivery of niacin, niacinamide, and vitamin K3 products also remained tight.

AMINO ACID

02

- Last week, the amino acid market remained weak overall. In China, valine supply continued to exceed demand, with mainstream prices at USD 1.8-1.82/KG, while European prices stayed at EUR 3.20-3.50/KG.
- Tryptophan demand remained soft, with Chinese market prices at USD 4.5-4.62/KG and European-origin product quoted at EUR 4.80-5.00/KG.
- Isoleucine prices held at USD 3.9-3.92/KG as producers focused on scheduled deliveries, while arginine remained stable at around USD 3.32/KG. Overall market sentiment stayed cautious..

API

03

- Last week, the veterinary API market remained stable but slightly weak, with demand mainly driven by immediate purchasing needs. Florfenicol, enrofloxacin, and ciprofloxacin hydrochloride prices remained firm due to cost support, while sulfonamide products continued to strengthen under rising raw material costs.
- In addition, Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. announced a global strategic collaboration with BMS covering 13 early-stage projects in oncology, hematology, and immunology, with a potential deal value of up to USD 15.2 billion.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

- Last week, the food additive market remained generally stable. Sucralose prices held at USD 12.62-12.88/KG, with further increases still possible. Most L-carnitine producers entered maintenance shutdowns, supporting bullish market expectations.
- Creatine monohydrate prices remained stable at RMB 26-28/KG, with deliveries scheduled into late May. Meanwhile, taurine producers raised quotations last Friday, with Yongan Pharmaceutical and Grand Pharmaceutical at USD 4.15/KG and NHU at USD 4.2/KG. Tight raw material supply and delayed deliveries are expected to keep taurine prices firm in the near term.

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