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VITAMIN

01

The nicotinamide market remains generally stable. Although raw material costs softened slightly this week, downstream trading activity stayed subdued, with most producers focusing on fulfilling earlier contracts. Indicative quotations were reported at USD 3.92–4.05/KG. Supported by relatively low channel inventories, mainstream transaction prices are holding around USD 4.05/KG.

AMINO ACID

02

On December 16, 2025, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) issued a scientific opinion on the safety and efficacy of L-tryptophan produced by CJ Europe GmbH through fermentation using *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCCM 80346 as a nutritional feed additive for all animal species. EFSA concluded that L-tryptophan produced via this process is safe for use as a feed additive under the proposed conditions.

API

03

Demand for doxycycline hydrochloride remains weak, with cautious sentiment prevailing across mid- and downstream segments. Price reduction strategies adopted by major producers have shown limited effectiveness, resulting in a buyer-driven market characterized by negotiated transactions and gradually easing prices. Current doxycycline prices are around USD 40.46/KG, with a continued weak trend expected in the near term.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

Recently, China's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) and the National Health Commission jointly announced the inclusion of Red 2G, Dimethyl Yellow, Diethyl Yellow, sibutramine, and its derivatives in the "List of Non-Food Substances Potentially Added to Foods." Red 2G, Dimethyl Yellow, and Diethyl Yellow are industrial dyes that may be illegally used to enhance the color of products such as cured meats, posing health risks. Sibutramine, while capable of suppressing appetite, is associated with serious adverse effects including cardiac arrhythmia. Corresponding testing methods have also been released to strengthen regulatory oversight and risk control.

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