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VITAMIN 01

Vitamin C transaction prices moved higher compared with last week, while low-priced supplies continued to decline. Major producers maintained firm pricing positions, prompting traders to raise their offers. Supported by firm producer quotations and production costs, VC powder prices are more likely to rise than fall in the short term. Market transactions remain a key factor to watch.

AMINO ACID 02

Lysine producers maintained stable quotations, delivery have scheduled to December, but actual order placement remained slow. Trading activity was subdued, with weak sentiment across the market. Ongoing upstream losses, low operating rates and mounting production cost pressures weighed on market confidence, while end users remained cautious in their purchasing. The market is expected to remain slightly weak in the near term.

API 03

- From October 28 to 30, an inspection team from Algeria's National Agency for Pharmaceutical Products (ANPP) conducted an on-site GMP inspection of the insulin manufacturing facility of HEC ChangJiang Pharma. The three-day inspection covered consistency between submitted documentation and on-site operations, the integrity of the quality management system, and the facility's ability to maintain stable commercial production. The plant successfully passed the inspection.
- The Yidu insulin facility is a key industrialization base for Dongyangguang's insulin business. Since establishing operations in Yidu in 2001, Dongyangguang has made 13 additional investments over 25 years, with cumulative investment exceeding RMB 26 billion, gradually building localized production capabilities from raw materials to finished formulations.

FOOD ADDITIVE 04

On October 29, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposed the first revisions to infant formula nutrition requirements in nearly 30 years, covering four essential nutrients: iodine, manganese, and vitamins A and D. The proposals include tripling the minimum iodine level and doubling the minimum vitamin D level, while lowering the minimum levels of manganese and vitamin A. Pediatric experts noted that higher vitamin D levels could reduce the need for additional supplementation in infants. However, as the FDA plans to review nutritional requirements in phases, with other nutrients still to be assessed, actual formula adjustments may take several years.

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