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VITAMIN

01

In the first half of 2025, rapid price declines led Chinese domestic users to shorten purchasing cycles and reduce inventory levels to lower costs. As a result, vitamin D3 inventory in the market remains extremely low. Currently, even the largest stock levels cover less than one month of consumption, with many maintaining less than a week's supply. Some more aggressive buyers are controlling inventory down to just 2–3 days. Major manufacturers caution that some small workshops in the market are not formal producers, and their production is unstable. In the summer heat, their product failure rates are extremely high, leading to substantial losses, limited output, and essentially no reliable supply—buyers are advised to proceed cautiously.

At the same time, most domestic distributors report that their vitamin D3 stocks are nearly depleted, retaining only small quantities for scattered demand from regular customers. Due to previous sharp declines in vitamin A prices, many international buyers and distributors have adopted a more cautious procurement approach, leading to nearly zero inventory across export traders, overseas channels, and foreign users—most are now buying only as needed or via back-to-back ordering.

AMINO ACID

02

Valine trade prices have slightly increased to around USD 1.81/MT, with rising inquiry volumes and heightened market interest. Recently, AHB—Anhui Huaheng Biotechnology Co., Ltd. and Changchun Dahe began maintenance shutdowns and suspended quotations. Valine prices are expected to remain firm in the short term.

API

03

According to reports, Merck Sharp & Dohme is nearing a USD 10 billion deal to acquire respiratory drug manufacturer VRNA.US. The acquisition will accelerate the drug's launch outside the U.S. and marks Merck's largest acquisition since 2023.

As for doxycycline hydrochloride, market prices have shown no significant increase recently. The current price remains around USD 44.25–44.87/kg, primarily impacted by production halts due to high temperatures and upstream raw material supply issues. Market inquiries are active.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

Recently, driven by market demand, international transaction prices for food additive sodium saccharin anhydrous have reached approximately USD 4.7–5/kg. The price of sodium saccharin dihydrate is expected to remain stable in the short term.

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