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VITAMIN

01

BASF has lifted the force majeure declarations on Vitamin A and Vitamin E products, signaling a gradual supply recovery and potential easing of market tightness. Customers are advised to monitor inventory levels and adjust purchasing plans accordingly, while suppliers should closely track demand changes to respond flexibly to price and supply fluctuations.

AMINO ACID

02

On August 6, 2025, EFSA issued a scientific opinion confirming the safety and efficacy of L-arginine produced by MeiHua Holdings Group Co., Ltd. using *Escherichia coli* strain CCTCC M 20231961 as a feed additive for all animal species, based on an application submitted by Kempex Holland B.V.

Meanwhile, NHU announced it will appropriately extend the maintenance period of its methionine production line due to equipment servicing. Existing contracts will be fulfilled as scheduled.

API

03

Wannan County Chuanqi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. recently announced a new API project with a total planned investment of USD 56.76 million. Phase I will involve USD 33.8 million, aiming to produce 30 tons of Clopidogrel Bisulfate and 10 tons of L-seleno-methylselenocysteine annually.

Neomycin sulfate prices remain stable at USD 19.44–20.32/BOU. While supply pressure has slightly eased, some factories are planning shutdowns for maintenance in Q3. Future price trends will depend on market demand.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

Beijing Zeno Technology Development Co., Ltd., a synthetic biology company, has completed a multi-million USD Pre-A financing round led by Tsing Capital, with participation from Zip Capital. The funding will be used to expand production capacity, diversify its pipeline, scale the team, and accelerate commercialization.

Zeno Biotech leverages CRISPR and AI-driven metabolic engineering to significantly improve microbial productivity—achieving efficiency levels 10 times higher than traditional methods and with potential to reach 70% further improvement. Its high-value pipelines include microbial pigments, human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs), salidroside, and sialic acid.

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