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VITAMIN

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The vitamin market remained generally stable last week, with moderate downstream demand. Following producer price increases, vitamin E transactions edged up gradually. Low-priced folic acid inventories continued to be depleted, supporting higher transactions for first-tier brands. Niacin and niacinamide shipments stayed tight, keeping prices firm.

AMINO ACID

02

- As of December 25, Ningxia Unisplendour Tianhua Methionine Co., Ltd. reported cumulative methionine output exceeding its designed capacity of 100,000 MT, with full-year production expected to reach 101,800 MT. The company has maintained stable output above 100,000 MT for two consecutive years, highlighting improved capacity utilization and operational efficiency.
- Meanwhile, Zhejiang NHU Co., Ltd. plans maintenance shutdowns for part of its solid methionine production lines in mid-to-late January, with an expected duration of 2–3 weeks. Market participants are closely monitoring potential short-term supply impacts.

API

03

The veterinary API market remained weak last week amid subdued domestic and overseas demand and ample supply. Trading activity was mainly driven by inventory liquidation with negotiated prices. Prices of doxycycline and lincomycin HCl declined noticeably due to new entrants, while tylosin and tilmicosin phosphate saw price pullbacks as producer price support weakened. Florfenicol hovered near the bottom in a consolidation phase, whereas oxytetracycline HCl prices stayed firm. Other products were largely stable.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

In the food additive sector, sucralose transaction prices remained stable, with potential upside risks ahead. Prices of acesulfame-K and aspartame were unchanged, and shipments proceeded smoothly. For nutritional fortifiers, creatine monohydrate stayed tight in supply, with prices holding at USD 3.03–3.16/KG and delivery schedules extending into January. L-carnitine prices remained stable at USD 25.28–26.55/KG, with a firm market outlook.

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