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VITAMIN

01

According to market sources, for Vitamin E 50% feed grade, following dsm-firmenich's increase of domestic China offers to USD 8.6/KG last week, two major manufacturers in Zhejiang raised their contract prices to USD 8.6/KG as well on December 29 and resumed order-taking. Until now, domestic transaction prices in China are around USD 6.6-7/KG. On the export side, minimum FOB offers range from USD 6.5-7/KG depending on brand, while some producers remain off-market. Actual FOB deal levels are reported at USD 6.5-6.8/KG. Delivery schedules continue to extend. Among China's four Vitamin E producers, two have delivery dates already pushed to mid-February.

AMINO ACID

02

Recently, arginine prices from both manufacturers and traders have remained generally stable, though underlying demand is weak and order volumes are limited. Current market levels are around USD 2.34–2.40/KG. Downstream restocking remains cautious, with transactions mainly concluded through case-by-case negotiations. With supply remaining stable, arginine prices are expected to stay weak but steady in the near term.

API

03

Recently, the environmental impact assessment (EIA) approval opinion for the API construction project of Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. – Linhai Chuanan Branch was publicly announced, with a disclosure period from December 29, 2025 to January 9, 2026. The project involves a total investment of approximately USD 7.57 million, including USD 1.37 million for environmental protection. Upon completion, the project will add production capacities for APIs including hydrochlorothiazide, benserazide hydrochloride, tadalafil, nebivolol hydrochloride, apixaban, valsartan disodium, upadacitinib, tofacitinib citrate, and dapagliflozin. In parallel, the olmesartan medoxomil refining process will be relocated from Workshop W05 to W09, while certain existing tadalafil and nebivolol-related capacities will be phased out.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

Recently, Shanghai released the “Action Plan for Accelerating Food Technology Innovation and Industrial Development (2026–2030)”, emphasizing technological innovation to drive industrial upgrading. The plan focuses on the development of new food ingredients such as functional proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids, while supporting innovation in FSMP, infant formula, and health food products.

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