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VITAMIN

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This month, the vitamin K3 market recorded a mild price increase, driven by higher raw material costs and currency fluctuations. After a prolonged period at low price levels, supply has tightened further, with manufacturers facing ongoing delivery constraints. Combined cost pressures have pushed the market into a tighter balance.

AMINO ACID

02

- According to China's National Intellectual Property Administration, Ningxia Eppen Biotech Co., Ltd. has filed a patent related to L-tryptophan production. The technology enhances fermentation efficiency by expressing *Bacillus subtilis*-derived glutamine synthetase in *E. coli*, offering a new pathway toward more cost-efficient industrial L-tryptophan production.
- Meanwhile, CJ Europe announced an immediate ~10% price increase in the European market for several amino acids, including L-lysine, L-arginine, L-valine, L-isoleucine, and L-tryptophan. The adjustment reflects strategic production realignment, strong demand for specialty amino acids, and rising raw material and operational costs, with the aim of ensuring stable supply and better alignment with market demand.

API

03

- According to Veterinary and Life, an official publication of Russia's Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance, new and stricter maximum residue limits (MRLs) for veterinary drugs in meat and dairy products will take effect across the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) from January 11, 2026.
- In the market, sulfonamide products remain stable. Sulfadiazine (sodium) is trading at approximately USD 18.85–20.52/KG, while sulfadimidine (sodium) is at USD 12.18–12.83/KG. Future price movements will depend on downstream demand and raw material cost trends.

FOOD ADDITIVE

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Recently, China's State Administration for Market Regulation officially released an updated catalogue of approved health food functional claims, adding "supporting bone and joint health (relief of pain, stiffness, and cartilage damage)" as a new permitted function. This marks the first newly approved claim since the implementation of relevant regulatory measures, representing a significant step forward in health food compliance and market access in China.

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