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VITAMIN

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Vitamin C producers have once again suspended quotations collectively. With the maintenance season approaching, producers are showing stronger intentions to support higher prices, making further price increases highly likely. At present, channel prices remain temporarily stable at around USD 2.6-2.8/KG.

AMINO ACID

02

China's amino acid import and export performance showed mixed trends in April 2026. Exports of lysine esters and salts, methionine, and other amino acid alcohols/phenols reached 99,900 MT, 34,300 MT, and 69,000 MT respectively, up 22%, 38%, and 10% year-on-year. On the import side, methionine imports reached 16,500 MT, up 17% year-on-year, while tryptophan imports totaled 2,256 MT, remaining flat overall. Compared with March, most categories declined, with methionine imports down 14% while tryptophan imports increased 20%. Cumulative data for January-April showed positive growth across most categories except tryptophan imports, which declined by 10%.

(Note: Tryptophan import data only includes imports from Indonesia and South Korea, without differentiation between feed grade, food grade, or pharmaceutical grade products.).

API

03

Florfenicol prices continued to receive support from raw material costs and remained relatively firm. However, downstream purchasing was still mainly demand-driven. Current market transaction prices are around USD 21.5-22.2/KG, and the market is expected to remain stable in the near term.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

Recently, the Probiotics Branch of the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology, together with industry experts, released the "Scientific Consensus on Accurate Identification of Probiotic Strains (2026 Edition)." The consensus outlines technical approaches ranging from phenotypic identification and molecular typing to whole genome sequencing (WGS), providing guidance for strain identification, product development, efficacy evaluation, quality control, and regulatory supervision, further promoting the standardized development of the probiotic industry.

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