

Chemical Industry Set for Slow but Steady Recovery in 2025: Report

India's chemical industry is expected to see a gradual demand recovery in 2025, according to a report by CareEdge Ratings. After facing headwinds from weak exports, destocking, and price volatility in 2023 and 2024, the sector is poised for moderate improvement driven by increased domestic consumption and stabilizing global prices. Specialty chemicals are likely to lead the rebound, while basic chemicals may recover more slowly. The report also highlights cautious optimism due to ongoing global uncertainties and supply chain adjustments.

Source: The Economic Times

Pilot Chemical Goes Green with Bio-Based Sulfonates at Ohio Plant

Pilot Chemical Company has announced plans to begin producing bio-based sulfonates at its Ohio facility, marking a significant step toward sustainable manufacturing. These sulfonates, derived from renewable feedstocks, are used in a variety of applications, including detergents and personal care products. The move supports Pilot's broader sustainability goals and growing market demand for environmentally friendly chemical ingredients. Production is set to begin in the second half of 2025.

Source: Chemical Processing

Trade Truce: U.S. and China Hit Pause on Tariff War for 90 Days

The United States and China have agreed to temporarily de-escalate their ongoing trade war by reducing retaliatory tariffs for 90 days starting May 14. Both nations will drop their recently imposed 34% duties in favor of a 10% baseline tariff and will remove additional levies that had pushed rates over 100%. This move, announced after weekend talks in Switzerland, aims to create space for further negotiations led by U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

Source: Supply Chain Dive

Trump Accelerates U.S. Drug Production with New Executive Order

On May 5, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing the FDA to streamline regulations and expedite the construction of domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities. The order also mandates increased inspections of overseas drug plants, with the FDA set to disclose annual inspection numbers by country and manufacturer. This move aims to bolster U.S. drug production and reduce reliance

Trelleborg Strengthens European Footprint with National Gummi Acquisition

Trelleborg Industrial Solutions, a division of Sweden's Trelleborg Group, has acquired National Gummi AB, a Halmstad-based manufacturer specializing in extruded rubber profiles and gaskets for the construction, industrial, and automotive sectors. With 2024 sales exceeding SEK 150 million (approximately \$13.95 million),

on foreign imports, especially in light of potential new tariffs on imported pharmaceuticals.

Source: Supply Chain Dive

National Gummi's integration is expected to enhance Trelleborg's product offerings and market presence across Northern Europe.

Source: Chem Analyst

Supply Chain Risks Multiply: No Single Threat Stands Alone

In today's interconnected global economy, supply chains face a complex web of risks that are increasingly interrelated. According to a recent analysis by SupplyChainBrain's Think Tank, threats such as cyberattacks, geopolitical tensions, natural disasters, and regulatory changes no longer occur in isolation. Instead, they often intersect, amplifying their impact and challenging traditional risk management strategies. For instance, a cyberattack can disrupt digital infrastructure, leading to regulatory scrutiny and geopolitical fallout. To navigate this multifaceted risk landscape, businesses are urged to adopt a holistic approach that emphasizes resilience, real-time visibility, and proactive collaboration across the entire supply network.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

Upcoming Events

The **Chemspec Europe** is scheduled from **June 4 to 5, 2025**, in Messe Basel, Switzerland.

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