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EU Proposes Tariff Cuts to Solidify Post-August Auto Deal with US

On 28 August 2025, the European Commission introduced proposals to enact tariff cuts in line with the EU-US Joint Statement of 21 August. Key changes include retroactive relief for EU automakers (from 1 August 2025), reduced tariffs on US industrial goods, selected seafood and agricultural products, and an expansion of tariffs-free or near-zero duty access for items like lobster (including processed forms), cork, aircraft and parts, generic pharmaceuticals, and certain chemical precursors. The proposals must still be approved by the European Parliament and EU Council before they take effect.

Source: Chem Analyst

US Soybean Farmers Face Financial Ruin as China Cuts Imports to Zero

American soybean growers are facing their worst crisis in decades as China, their biggest buyer, has halted all U.S. purchases for the 2025 harvest. Despite a projected 4.3 billion-bushel crop—the sixth largest on record—prices have crashed 40% due to China's shift to Brazil and a 23% tariff on U.S. soybeans. Farmers like Caleb Ragland expect huge losses, with his farm alone set to lose \$750,000. In South Dakota, a \$2 per bushel drop means \$500 million in lost income. With export sales down 81% from the five-year average, producers warn that without urgent government action, rural America could suffer lasting economic damage.

Source: Economic Times

Biocon Launches First U.S. Tablet Plant in New Jersey to Boost Supply Chain & Access

Biocon has opened its first U.S.-based manufacturing facility in Cranbury, New Jersey, under its wholly owned subsidiary Biocon Generics Inc. The facility, formerly an Oral Solid Dosage (OSD) plant acquired from Eywa Pharma in 2023, has been upgraded with over USD 30 million in investment. It has an annual capacity of 2 billion tablets. Some products are already being produced from this site, with more under development. The move is aimed at strengthening Biocon's supply chain, expanding its global footprint, and delivering essential therapies more efficiently to patients in the U.S.

Source: The Hindu Business Line

Brenntag & Sudarshan Deepen Alliance to Boost Anticorrosive Pigments Supply in Australia

Brenntag has expanded its longstanding partnership with Sudarshan Chemical Industries (including its Heubach subsidiary) to supply anticorrosive pigments — specifically the Heucophos and

Navin Fluorine Unveils Phase 1 of cGMP-4 Facility at Devas to Power Global CDMO Ambitions

Navin Fluorine has inaugurated the first phase of its new cGMP-4 facility, called *Navin Molecular*, at its Dewas unit in Devas. The launch, attended by top leadership including Chairman Vishad P.

Heucorin lines — to the Australian market. These sustainable pigments are designed to enhance durability and cut maintenance costs, especially under Australia's tough climate. Brenntag emphasizes that, with over 20 years of collaboration in New Zealand, this extension reflects confidence in Sudarshan's innovation and Brenntag's distribution strengths in the APAC region.

Source: Brenntag

Mafatlal and MD Nitin Kulkarni, underscores the company's push towards enhanced innovation, quality, and full compliance with global standards in the specialty chemicals and CDMO space. This facility is positioned to strengthen Navin's ability to serve international partners, delivering advanced end-to-end value in line with world-class quality demands

Source: Indian Chemical News

GIC Spins Off New Venture to Pioneer Low-Carbon Chemicals & e-SAF via Methanol-to-Olefins Route

The Global Impact Coalition (GIC) has launched a spin-off to advance its Sustainable Olefins project, starting with a feasibility study for using methanol-to-olefins (MTO) technology to produce low-carbon chemicals and sustainable aviation fuel (e-SAF). The plan is to convert sustainable methanol—ideally derived from renewable energy, captured CO₂, and green hydrogen—into olefins, which are basic building blocks for many industrial goods. Major chemical players including BASF, SABIC, and LyondellBasell are involved.

Source: Global Impact Coalition

Container Cascade: Nearly 70 Boxes Plunge Into Water at Long Beach Port

Nearly 70 shipping containers toppled off the Portuguese-flagged cargo vessel Mississippi at the Port of Long Beach on September 9, 2025, sending giant metal boxes splashing into the water like dominoes. The incident occurred just after 9 a.m., forcing the temporary shutdown of the Pier G terminal and the creation of a 500-yard safety zone by the U.S. Coast Guard. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, though several containers struck a clean-air barge attached to the ship. The vessel had arrived from Yantian port in Shenzhen, China, after departing on August 26.

Source: Supply Chain Brain



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