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## From Firefighting to Foresight: Building Resilient Supply Chains in a Volatile World

As geopolitical tensions, trade disruptions, tariffs, and shipping route challenges continue to intensify, traditional supply chain planning methods are proving inadequate. The article highlights that many companies still rely on monthly planning cycles, while today's disruptions can emerge within hours. To remain competitive, businesses must shift from reactive problem-solving to proactive, decision-centric planning. By leveraging AI, real-time data, and scenario modeling, organizations can anticipate risks, evaluate alternatives quickly, and make informed decisions before disruptions escalate. The key takeaway is that supply chain resilience now depends on agility, continuous monitoring, and preparedness rather than simply optimizing for cost.

***Source:*** *Supply Chain Brain*

## Mexico Bets Big on Petrochemicals: Pemex Unveils $5.3 Billion Revival Plan

Mexico's state-owned oil company, Pemex, has announced a $5.3 billion investment plan through 2030 to revive the country's petrochemical and fertilizer industries. The initiative aims to reduce Mexico's dependence on imports, strengthen supply chain security, and boost food and energy sovereignty.

The investment will fund the rehabilitation of existing petrochemical and fertilizer plants in Veracruz, including the Cangrejera, Morelos, and Cosoleacaque complexes, while also supporting the construction of a new ammonia and urea plant in Poza Rica. Pemex targets annual petrochemical production of 849,000 tonnes and fertilizer output exceeding 4 million tonnes, significantly increasing domestic capacity.

***Source:*** *ICIS*

## BASF Expands Southeast Asia Footprint with New Acrylate Storage Facility in Indonesia

BASF has started operations at a new 2-ethylhexyl acrylate (2-EHA) storage tank in Indonesia, strengthening its supply chain and logistics capabilities in Southeast Asia. The investment is aimed at improving product availability, delivery flexibility, and supply reliability for regional customers across coatings, adhesives, construction, and specialty chemical industries.

The new storage infrastructure supports BASF’s broader strategy of expanding its presence in fast-growing Asian markets and enhancing local distribution efficiency. Indonesia continues to emerge as a key manufacturing and consumption hub for downstream chemical applications.

***Source:*** *S&P Global*

## Nissan Chemical & Bharat Rasayan Expand India's Agrochemical Role with New Herbicide Plant

Japan-based Nissan Chemical and Bharat Rasayan are setting up a new herbicide manufacturing facility in Gujarat through their joint venture, Nissan Bharat Rasayan (NBR). The plant will manufacture Ryzonic (iptriazopyrid), Nissan Chemical's next-generation rice herbicide, ahead of its planned global launch in 2027.

The investment aims to strengthen global supply capabilities and support rising demand in key agricultural markets. The new facility will be located at NBR's Saykha, Gujarat site, where the JV already operates an agrochemical plant commissioned in 2023. Commercial operations for the new unit are expected to begin by fiscal year 2028.

***Source: Chemical Weekly***

## BASF Showcases Integrated Chemical Innovation at cippe 2026 Shanghai Debut

BASF made its debut at the cippe 2026 exhibition in Shanghai, presenting a wide range of integrated chemical solutions for the oil, gas, petrochemical, and energy industries. The company highlighted advanced materials, process optimization technologies, corrosion protection solutions, and sustainable innovations aimed at improving operational efficiency and reducing environmental impact.

BASF emphasized its commitment to supporting industrial transformation in Asia through localized innovation, digitalization, and low-carbon technologies. The showcase included solutions for energy efficiency, industrial coatings, catalysts, and specialty chemicals designed to help customers meet evolving regulatory and sustainability goals.

***Source: ICN***

## U.S. Tariff Twist: Why Chemical Raw Materials Escaped the Latest Trade Crackdown

The U.S. has announced a new round of Section 301 tariffs on imports from 60 economies, including China, India, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, and the EU, citing concerns over forced labor enforcement. However, chemical raw materials, pharmaceuticals, polymers, rubber, fertilizers, and minerals were notably exempted from the tariff list.

The key reason lies in supply chain strategy and strong lobbying by the U.S. chemical industry. The American Chemistry Council (ACC) argued that imposing tariffs on basic chemical raw materials would increase production costs for U.S. manufacturers, weaken competitiveness, and create domestic supply shortages.

While upstream raw materials are exempt, downstream finished goods such as tires, plastic products, paints, and coatings still face tariffs. This approach allows U.S. manufacturers to import low-cost raw materials while protecting domestic processing and manufacturing industries.

***Source: ECHEMI***

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