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French Chemical Firm Files EU Complaint Over Cheap Chinese Feed Ingredients

Eurolysine, a French fermentation-based amino acid producer, filed an EU complaint alleging that Chinese lysine and other essential feed ingredients are being sold at dumped prices, undermining EU industry competitiveness. Trade tensions and pricing pressure from Chinese imports in key chemical ingredients could influence pricing dynamics and anti-dumping actions within EU markets, affecting supply strategies.

Source: Reuters

US FDA to Reassess Long-Used Synthetic Preservatives in Food Supply

The U.S. FDA announced a review of the safety status of butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), a common synthetic antioxidant used in products including cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Regulatory scrutiny on chemicals used in food and consumer products can lead to formulation changes and supply-chain impacts for distributors handling additives and ingredient chemicals.

Source: Reuters

European Industry Urges EU to Cut Energy Prices to Stay Competitive

Major European chemical producers, including BASF, Clariant, and Solvay, are urging the EU to take action on soaring energy costs. High power prices, CO₂ charges, and taxes are eroding competitiveness versus the U.S. and China. These pressures are squeezing margins, driving plant closures, and accelerating supply diversification beyond Europe.

Source: Reuters

ATA Supports EPA's Emissions Rule Reversal, Highlighting Regulatory Debate in U.S. Freight Logistics

The American Trucking Association publicly backed the U.S. EPA's repeal of a key greenhouse gas endangerment finding, which underpinned regulatory emissions frameworks. ATA argues current zero-emission truck mandates are not operationally feasible for freight transport. This policy shift could ease regulatory cost burdens on road freight networks but may

Global Cleaning Chemicals Sector Faces Soft Demand and Shifting Sustainability Preferences

The cleaning products sector is experiencing weak demand and margin pressures, as producers and ingredient suppliers confront cost discipline and slower end-market growth. At the recent American Cleaning Institute convention, industry leaders highlighted subdued volumes for core ingredient markets like surfactants and solvent blends. With major players such as Dow reporting business

also attract legal challenges and wider debates over state-federal environmental standards.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

losses, distributors may see tighter inventories and pricing negotiations along the value chain.

Source: CEN.ACS

Agentic AI: Supply Chain Leaders Gain and Misstep in Digital Transformation

A SupplyChainBrain think-tank analysis highlights how “agentic AI” — autonomous, decision-making software — can deliver major productivity gains in manufacturing and distribution when deployed effectively. Best practices include using AI to automate order processing, customer service queries, sourcing decisions, and production cost insights while augmenting human teams.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

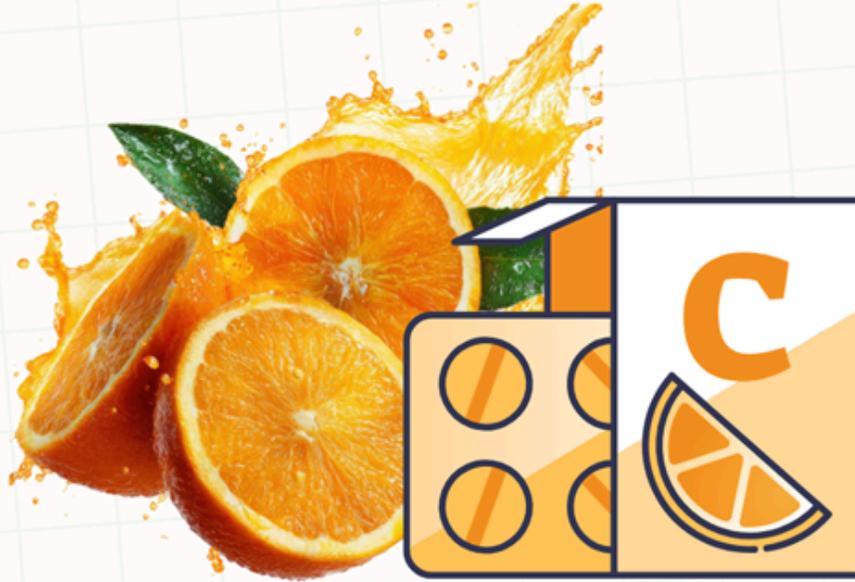
Hapag-Lloyd and ZIM Move Toward \$4.2 B Shipping Merger to Strengthen Global Trade Networks

German container carrier Hapag-Lloyd is in discussions to acquire Israeli shipping company ZIM, a move that could reshape global freight dynamics and capacity. The potential deal reflects heightened consolidation in shipping as carriers seek scale and resilience amid geopolitical uncertainties and fluctuating volumes.

Source: ICIS

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