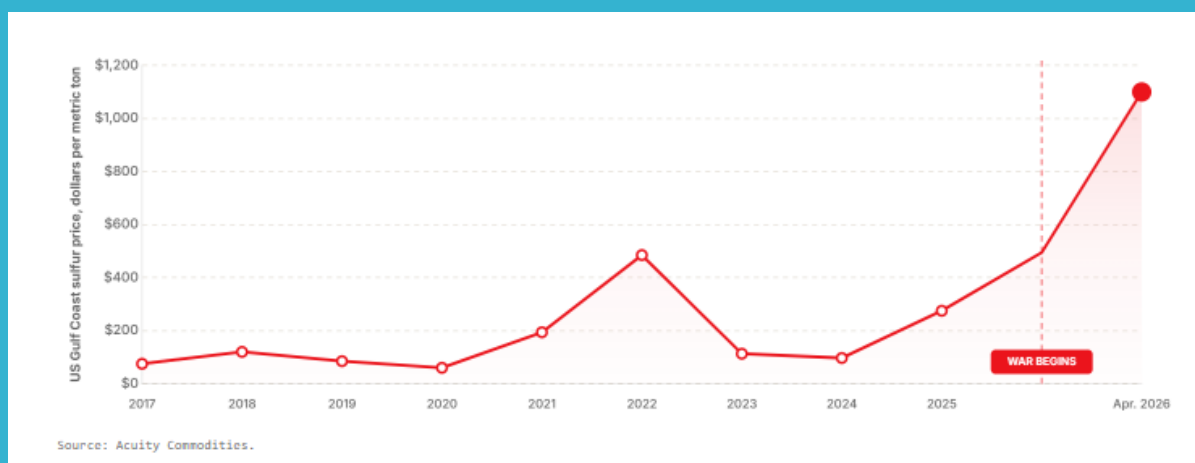


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Iran Conflict Disrupts Global Sulfuric Acid Supply Chain

The Iran war has severely disrupted sulfur shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, threatening global sulfuric acid supplies and driving sharp price increases. The ripple effects could impact fertilizer production, battery materials, mining, paper manufacturing, and eventually lead to broader inflation across global industries.



Source: C&EN

EU Chemical Trade Shift: Antidumping Cases Against Chinese Imports Hit Record High

Europe's chemical industry is increasingly turning to antidumping measures against Chinese imports, with chemicals now accounting for nearly half of new EU trade defense cases. The trend highlights a broader shift in global chemical competition from pure price advantage to compliance, market access, and trade-rule driven competition, especially for key intermediates like lysine, BDO, and adipic acid.

Mitsui, Mitsubishi Chemical and Asahi Kasei Advance Ethylene JV for Decarbonization

Asahi Kasei, Mitsui Chemicals and Mitsubishi Chemical are progressing discussions to establish a joint operating entity aimed at decarbonizing and optimizing ethylene production facilities in western Japan. The initiative will help improve competitiveness, reduce emissions and create a more sustainable petrochemicals business model.

Source: Financial Times

FDA Launches New Food Chemical Safety Review Program, Reassesses BHT and ADA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has finalized a new science-based post-market food chemical safety assessment framework and initiated reassessments of widely used additives BHT and ADA. The move aims to strengthen oversight of food chemicals and improve transparency and public health protection as new safety data emerges.

Source: US FDA

Source: Asahi Kasei

Europe's Green Chemistry Start-ups Struggle for Scale Amid Funding Gap

European chemical start-ups are driving innovation in sustainability and circularity, from CO₂-based chemicals to biodegradable plastics and advanced recycling technologies. However, limited venture capital funding, especially for scale-up stages, is making it difficult for these companies to commercialize innovations and compete globally.

Source: ICIS

Europe's Chemical Industry Gains Temporary Advantage Amid Iran War Disruptions

Disruptions caused by the Iran war are increasing costs and supply chain challenges for Asian chemical producers, giving European manufacturers a short-term competitive edge as customers prioritise reliable regional supply. However, industry leaders including Lanxess, Evonik and Solvay caution that the improvement may be temporary if global supply chains stabilise again.

Source: Reuters

Eastman Deploys AI Tool to Strengthen Green Claims Compliance

Eastman has developed an AI-powered "Green Claims" chatbot trained on FTC and EU guidance to review marketing and packaging language for potential greenwashing risks. The tool helps teams replace vague sustainability terminology with more specific, defensible environmental claims, improving compliance and communication accuracy.

Source: Trellis

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