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New US Tariffs Tie Market Access to Supply Chain Compliance

The United States imposed new 10% and 12.5% tariffs on goods from 60 trading partners, citing forced-labour concerns under Section 301. Although key exclusions remain, including fertilizers and critical minerals, origin data and labour-risk documentation are now directly linked to tariff exposure.

Source: Reuters

Europe Invests in Biobased Alcohols to Strengthen Chemical Supply Security

Catalyxx has secured $22 million in EU funding to build a 30,000 MT/year biobased alcohol plant in Portugal, converting ethanol into higher alcohols as sustainable alternatives to fossil-based petrochemicals. The project aims to strengthen Europe's chemical supply security and reduce dependence on imported fossil feedstocks, although concerns remain over the cost competitiveness and scalability of biobased chemicals.

Source: C&EN

EPA Shifts TSCA Timelines, Not End-State Controls

The US EPA finalized extensions to certain compliance dates for perchloroethylene and carbon tetrachloride risk-management rules. The agency said the ultimate protection level and unreasonable-risk findings remain unchanged, giving industry more implementation time without removing the required control standards.

Source: EPA

Evonik Completes Global Methionine Integration

Evonik completed on-site methyl mercaptan production at its Mobile, Alabama MetAMINO hub, fully integrating its methionine network across Mobile, Antwerp and Singapore. The company says the configuration lowers logistics risk, reduces exposure to market volatility and

Risk Migrates From Hormuz To Suez

A drone strike at Egypt's Damietta port damaged two gas vessels and raised fresh security concerns around the Suez Canal and SUMED pipeline. With Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb already constrained, the incident showed how disruption can migrate across linked routes rather than remain isolated.

cuts the product carbon footprint by about 7%.

Source: Evonik

Source: Reuters

M&A: Capital Targets Mission-Critical Materials Platforms

Tinicum made a strategic investment in GracoRoberts, a value-added distributor of specialty chemicals and advanced composites for aerospace and defence. Management retained a significant stake, highlighting investor appetite for technically differentiated, compliance-intensive platforms serving protected end markets.

Source: PR Newswire

Global Demand: Earnings Improve, But Volume Recovery Lags

European chemical groups broadly beat second-quarter expectations through cost cuts, restructuring and resilience in consumer-facing businesses. Weak automotive and construction demand, Chinese overcapacity and trade uncertainty kept second-half guidance cautious; Wacker raised its earnings outlook but reduced its sales forecast.

Source: Reuters

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