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Study explores distribution of soil antibiotic resistance genes in China

Chinese scientists have mapped the distribution of soil antibiotic resistance genes (ARGs) across the country's ecosystems. Their large-scale survey found that ARGs are widespread but most currently pose low direct health risks. However, the genes have high transfer potential, raising environmental and public health concerns. The study establishes a crucial baseline for tracking and controlling this form of pollution. **(Xinhua)**

China OKs world's first functional cure for hepatitis B

China has approved the world's first functional cure for hepatitis B, a drug named Pegbing developed by Amoytop Biotech. In clinical trials, 31.4% of patients achieved a clinical cure, significantly reducing the risk of liver cancer. This approval marks a major breakthrough in the global fight against the disease, which affects over 250 million people worldwide. **(China Daily)**

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Deploys Work on Scientific and Safe Use of Pesticides

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs issued the "Guiding Opinions on Carrying Out the 'Precision Pesticide Use for Quality and Efficiency Improvement' Action to Deepen the Scientific and Safe Use of Pesticides," comprehensively deploying the work on the scientific and safe use of pesticides during the "15th Five-Year Plan" period focusing on consolidating the achievements of the chemical pesticide reduction action. **(Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs)**

Methanol Leads Two Consecutive Limit-Up Days, Multiple Commodities Hit Limit-Up

Affected by the continued tension in the Middle East, domestic chemical futures contracts rose across the board on March 3, with a significant increase in market linkage. The main methanol contract hit its daily limit-up for two consecutive days, while the main plastics and polypropylene contracts also hit their daily limit-up. The main benzene contract rose 6.76%, igniting sentiment across the sector. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

Huafeng Microfiber Issues Price Increase Notice

On March 4th, Huafeng Microfiber officially issued a price increase notice for its microfiber base fabric. Affected by events stemming from international geopolitical conflicts, global energy and chemical raw material prices have risen sharply. The company has decided to adjust the price of its microfiber base fabric to cope with the continuously rising production costs. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**