

NEWSLETTER

CHEMICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL 30 March - 5 April 2026



China's Polyether Polyol Market Reprices Ahead of Schedule

With less than two weeks remaining until the official cancellation of the 13% export VAT refund policy on April 1, 2026, the Chinese polyether polyol market has already seen a significant structural price adjustment. China's polyether polyol exports have experienced rapid growth recently, reaching 2.7605 million tons in 2025, a year-on-year increase of 28.14%. The export market has become a core profit driver for many companies. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

Middle East Raw Material Supply Disruptions Trigger Global Ethylene Market Volatility

In March 2026, the global ethylene industry suffered a severe blow due to disruptions in the supply of raw materials such as naphtha caused by geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East. The Asian market became the hardest hit area. Chemical giants took measures such as production stoppages, reductions, or price adjustments, resulting in drastic changes in the global ethylene industry chain's supply and demand pattern. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

Middle East Situation Ignites Helium Price Surge

The ongoing conflict between the US, Israel, and Iran has significantly impacted the global helium supply chain. Qatar, a core global helium supplier, is experiencing tightened production and exports, pushing the price of this strategic rare gas into an upward trend. Prices in the Chinese domestic market have followed suit, with industry institutions predicting a critical price window from the end of March to April. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**