

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **China to Impose Comprehensive Restrictions on Sulfuric Acid Exports Starting in May**

According to Bloomberg and other sources, China officially announced on April 10, 2026, that it would comprehensively restrict the export of sulfuric acid, a byproduct of smelting, starting May 1, with only a very few special categories, such as electronic-grade sulfuric acid, receiving export exemptions. China is the world's largest producer and supplier of sulfuric acid, accounting for over 40% of global production. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

#### **HCFC-22 Refrigerant to be Completely Phased Out Starting in 2027**

The General Office of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment issued a letter which states that in order to fulfill international environmental conventions and implement domestic regulations, the Chinese multi-split air conditioning (heat pump) unit industry will completely phase out HCFC-22 refrigerant. Starting January 1, 2027, the production of related products using this substance as a refrigerant will be prohibited. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

#### **Shandong's "15th Five-Year Plan" Deploys High-End Petrochemical and New Materials Industries**

The Shandong Provincial Government issued the "Outline of the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of Shandong Province, proposing to promote seven key projects for upgrading and improving the high-end petrochemical industry. This aims to drive the province's high-end petrochemical industry towards "reducing quantity, increasing chemical production and extending the industrial chain". **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

#### **Beijing Life Science Hub aims to accelerate drug innovation**

A sprawling life sciences hub in Beijing is accelerating its drive to turn laboratory breakthroughs into marketable innovative drugs, central to China's pursuit of global competitiveness in the pharmaceutical sector. The Zhongguancun Life Science Park is nurturing an ecosystem that integrates basic research, clinical development, manufacturing and healthcare services. **(CX Daily)**

#### **First testing kit for Chikungunya fever granted market approval**

China has granted market approval for its first nucleic acid testing kit for chikungunya fever. It was developed by the National Institute for Viral Disease Control and Prevention and Daan Gene. The process from research to approval took about three months. The approval aims to help control outbreaks in Southern provinces during the summer. **(China Daily)**