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China Advances Clinical Trials For Next-Generation mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine

China has approved phase iii clinical trials for a self-amplifying mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine developed domestically by Sinovac. This next-generation vaccine platform promises enhanced immune response duration and improved stability at standard refrigeration temperatures. Researchers highlight its potential to provide broader protection against emerging viral variants with lower dosage requirements. **(Sinovac Biotech)**

China Establishes New Regulatory Pathway For AI-Assisted Drug Discovery Platforms

China has introduced streamlined guidelines for artificial intelligence-assisted drug discovery platforms operating in China. These regulations establish clear frameworks for validating ai algorithms used in target identification and molecular screening processes. Pharmaceutical companies can now integrate machine learning tools more efficiently into their research pipelines under standardized protocols. **(National Medical Products Administration)**

US Finalizes Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties on Chinese L-Lysine

The US International Trade Commission has finalized its anti-dumping and countervailing duty determinations on L-lysine imported from China, setting combined tariff rates as high as 187.86 percent. Concluding the investigation, the US Department of Commerce will issue formal duty orders following publication in the Federal Register on September 8, 2026. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

India Recommends Higher Anti-Dumping Duties on Chinese Glufosinate

India's Ministry of Commerce issued a positive anti-absorption ruling on Chinese glufosinate-ammonium, recommending an increase in anti-dumping duties to €4,504 (\$5,004) per tonne. Pending approval from India's Ministry of Finance, the steep tariff will pressure Chinese exporters, for whom India represents the second-largest export destination for the popular herbicide. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

Chinese Ethylene Glycol Prices Hit Three-Year High Amid Record Low Stocks

Driven by Middle East supply disruptions and domestic plant maintenance, Chinese ethylene glycol spot prices reached a three-year high of €876 (6,876 yuan) per tonne on September 3, 2026, up 85 percent year-to-date. Meanwhile, port inventories plunged to a ten-year low of 143,000 tonnes, exacerbating supply tightness during peak demand. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**