

## NEWSLETTER

### HOME/FURNITURE/DESIGN

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#### **China's building materials index dips on seasonal factors**

China's Building Materials and Home Decoration Prosperity Index (BHI) stood at 102.03 in February 2026, down 1.81 points month-on-month and 7.55 points year-on-year. The decline was attributed to the traditional low season and the Spring Festival holiday, which dampened market activity. Sales at major building materials and home furnishing stores totaled 86.86 billion yuan (\$12.41 billion), down 13.54% year-on-year. **(China Building Materials Circulation Association)**

#### **China's lighting exports surge 65% YoY in February**

China's lighting product exports reached approximately \$3.8 billion in February 2026, marking a 65% year-on-year increase and the highest level for the same period in five years. The surge was attributed to exporters capitalizing on a temporary trade window after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned IEEPA-based tariffs on February 20, 2026, alongside rising upstream material costs. **(China Lighting Electric Appliance Association)**

#### **China's Furniture Manufacturing Revenue Falls 4.2% in Jan-Feb**

China's furniture manufacturing sector reported operating revenue of 84.48 billion yuan in the first two months of 2026, down 4.2% year-on-year. Operating costs during the period totaled 70.32 billion yuan, representing a 3% year-on-year decline. The data reflects continued pressure on the domestic furniture market amid softening consumer demand and real estate headwinds. **(China National Furniture Association)**

#### **China National Furniture Association**

The national ceramic terminal market is projected to reach approximately 485.0 billion yuan (\$69.29 billion) in 2026, with Chan Cheng District (Foshan) accounting for 32%-37% of the national share. Refurbishment of existing homes now dominates demand at over 51%, surpassing new construction as the primary driver. Export value reached \$7.35 billion in 2025, with ASEAN, Middle East, and Africa as key growth regions. **(Soutao tv)**

#### **China's Home Appliance Market Faces 6.7% Contraction in 2026**

China's home appliance market (excluding 3C products) is projected to reach 833.2 billion yuan in 2026, marking a 6.7% decline from 2025's 893.1 billion yuan, according to AVC data. The contraction reflects mounting pressures from weakening consumer purchasing power, persistently high raw material costs, and the gradual fading of government subsidy effects. **(AVC)**