

## NEWSLETTER

### HOME/FURNITURE/DESIGN

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#### **China Furniture Profits Plunge 44.9% in Q1 2026**

China's furniture manufacturing profits tumbled 44.9% year on year to 2.06 billion yuan (\$302.94 million) in January-March. The sector's March profit alone stood at about 80 million yuan (\$11.76 million), down sharply from the Jan-Feb monthly average as post-holiday demand weakened. Operating revenue fell 9.6% annually to 126.76 billion yuan, reflecting persistent margin pressure across the industry. **(China Furniture Association)**

#### **GCC Extends Anti-Dumping Duties on Chinese Ceramics for Five More Years**

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has decided to extend anti-dumping duties on Chinese ceramic products for an additional five years, effective May 28. The move follows a sunset review that confirmed continued dumping practices harming local industries. The extension underscores rising trade tensions between China and key Middle Eastern markets. **(homelifestyle.cn)**

#### **China Building Materials Retail Rises in April**

Nationwide large-scale building materials and home furnishings stores generated 111.84 billion yuan (\$16.45 billion) in April, up 1.21% month-on-month and 2.94% year-on-year. Cumulative sales for January-April totaled 419.80 billion yuan (\$61.74 billion), falling 5.94% from the same period last year. The data reflects a modest monthly recovery in the home improvement market, though overall sector demand remains subdued. **(China National Building Materials Circulation Association)**

#### **China Tightens Limits on Harmful Substances in Flooring Materials**

China has released a revised mandatory national standard (GB 18586-2026) imposing stricter limits on hazardous substances in carpets, carpet underlays, and PVC flooring. The updated rules significantly expand the controlled substance list for PVC flooring widely used in homes and public spaces, adding caps on heavy metals, phthalate plasticizers, formaldehyde, and formamide alongside vinyl chloride monomer. **(National Standardization Administration)**