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Building Materials Sector Shows Signs of Recovery in June

China's building materials industry saw its value-added output drop by 2.3% year-on-year in June, narrowing by 3.3 percentage points from May's decline. In the first half of the year, output for large-scale building materials firms fell 2.8%, a 0.2-percentage-point improvement from the January-May period. The data signals a gradual stabilization amid ongoing policy support for the property and infrastructure sectors **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

Canada Slaps 25% Tariff on Imported Wooden Cabinets, China Not Exempt

Canada has imposed a 25% tariff on imported wooden cabinets, effective immediately, with China notably absent from the exemption list. The move is expected to significantly impact Chinese manufacturers who rely heavily on the North American market. Industry analysts warn that the measure could prompt Chinese exporters to seek alternative markets. **(Global Trade Alert / Canadian Border Services Agency)**

China's Furniture Imports Narrow Decline in First Half of 2026

China's furniture sector recorded cumulative imports of \$690 million in the first half of 2026, a 3.7% year-on-year decline. June alone saw import reach \$130 million, marking a 3.7% year-on-year growth. The monthly rebound suggests recovering domestic demand amid gradual improvement in the housing and consumer goods markets. **(China Furniture Association)**

China Furniture Sector Shows Mixed H1 2026 Trends

China's above-scale furniture firms generated 257.61 billion yuan (\$37.88 billion) in revenue in January-June 2026, down 8.6% year on year. The revenue decline narrowed by 2.3 percentage points from the January-May period. Furniture retail sales fell 3.7% to 86.97 billion yuan (\$12.79 billion) during the same period. The retail drop widened by 0.7 percentage points, signaling uneven momentum across the industry. **(China Furniture Association)**

China Lighting Exports Show Recovery Signs in H1 2026

According to the data from the General Administration of Customs and China Association of Lighting Industry, China's lighting equipment exports show signs of recovery despite overall pressure in H1 2026. Total exports reached approximately \$24.1 billion from January to June, down 7% year-on-year. June alone saw exports of about \$4.2 billion, marking a 2% decline compared to last year. **(China Association of Lighting Industry)**