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China Grants Marketing Authorization To Global First Oral PCSK9 Inhibitor

China has approved Merck's Novel Oral Pcsk9 Inhibitor Enlicitide for adults with hypercholesterolemia. This breakthrough eliminates the need for frequent injections, offering patients a convenient daily pill alternative. Clinical trials demonstrated significant reductions in ldl cholesterol levels compared to placebo treatments. Experts believe this oral formulation could revolutionize lipid management globally. **(National Medical Products Administration)**

China Unveils National Health 15th Five-Year Plan Supporting Innovative Drugs

China issued the National Health 15th five-year plan, marking a strategic upgrade for the pharmaceutical industry. The plan explicitly calls for comprehensive support across the entire chain for innovative drugs and medical devices. It identifies key technological frontiers including cell and gene therapy, novel antibodies, and ai-empowered medicine. This policy framework is expected to accelerate clinical trial approvals. **(State Council Of China)**

China Extends Anti-Dumping Duties on Indian Optical Fibers

China's Ministry of Commerce has extended anti-dumping duties on single-mode optical fibers imported from India for five years, effective August 14, 2026. Ranging from 7.4 to 30.6%, the tariffs remain unchanged following an expiry review confirming domestic industry harm would recur if lifted. These materials are essential for high-speed telecommunication networks. **(China Daily)**

Global and Chinese Chemical Producers Announce Widespread September Price Hikes

Chemical manufacturers in China and globally, including Wanhua and BASF, have announced widespread price increases effective September 1, 2026. Driven by rising raw material, energy, and supply chain costs, prices are surging across resins, coatings, and solvents. Domestic price hikes reach up to €51 (400 yuan) per tonne, while electronic substrates jump 25%. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**

South Korea Issues Preliminary Anti-Dumping Duties on Chinese Caustic Soda

The Korea Trade Commission has issued a preliminary anti-dumping ruling on solid sodium hydroxide imported from Mainland China. Proposed tariff rates for mainland suppliers range between 3.66 and 22.21%. The measure reflects intensifying competition within East Asia's chlor-alkali sector as Chinese production capacity continues to expand. **(ChemNet Chemical Headlines)**