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China Launches Consistency Evaluation for Other Chemical Dosage Forms
China issued Announcement No. 86 to extend generic drug consistency evaluation beyond oral solids and injections. Eye drops enter the evaluation scope immediately, while patches and sprays follow from July 1, 2027, under preset transition rules. Applicants must select reference preparations from the official catalogue and submit supplementary dossiers aligned with current chemical generic standards. **(NMPA)**

China Tightens Full-Chain Drug Traceability with Coding Rules
China released Announcement No. 85 on stronger pharmaceutical traceability governance to cover all marketed drug varieties except active ingredients, medical oxygen and institutional preparations. Marketing authorization holders, manufacturers, distributors and healthcare facilities must activate codes before sale and scan at every inbound and outbound node for real-time upload. **(NMPA)**

China Implements 2026 National Essential Medicines List with 116 Additions
The 2026 Edition of the National Essential Medicines List took effect with 794 entries after adding 116 products and removing two chemical and biological items. The updated list carries sixty-eight chemical and biological drugs plus forty-eight traditional Chinese medicine items, including four domestically developed Class I innovative drugs for chronic and common diseases. **(Xinhua)**

China Initiates Regulatory Control over Sulfur Hexafluoride Emissions
China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment has officially launched regulatory oversight for sulfur hexafluoride and other non-carbon-dioxide greenhouse gases. Under the upcoming 15th Five-Year Plan, the initiative targets a reduction capacity of 30 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent, driving green industrial upgrades across power grid equipment, chemical, and semiconductor manufacturing sectors. **(Ministry of Ecology and Environment)**

US Launches Dual Antidumping and Countervailing Probe into Chinese Amine Compounds
The US Department of Commerce has initiated antidumping and countervailing duty investigations against certain Chinese amine compounds used in polyurethane production. Chinese exporters face potential combined tariffs ranging from 97.71% to 352.32%. US imports of the affected catalysts totaled approximately €218 million in 2025, accounting for a 30% domestic market share. **(US Department of Commerce)**