

News Focus
How will the Sino-U.S. Trade War Impact the Raw Materials for PU Market in China 2018-04-24


On April 4, the Tariff Commission of the State Council decided to impose 25% tariffs on 106 products of 14 categories imported from the United States, including soybeans, automobiles and chemicals. The implementation date will be announced separately depending on the U.S. government's implementation of tariffs on my goods. Meanwhile, China's Ministry of Commerce announced that the Chinese government, in accordance with the laws and regulations such as the Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China and the basic principles of international law, would levy an additional tariff of 25% on products imported from America, including agricultural products such as soybean, automobiles, chemicals and aircrafts, which were worth \$50 billion in 2017. The ministry also released the list of America-originated products on which tariffs will be imposed...[More](#)

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PUDaily, Shanghai-- As one of the most important raw materials for polyurethane, propylene oxide (PO) is used to produce polyether polyols, propylene glycol, isopropanolamine and flame retardant...[More](#)

An Analysis of Pure MDI exports in January and February 2018 2018-04-23

With the expansion of MDI capacity in China, China has gradually changed from an importer of MDI into an exporter and its net export volume is increasing steadily. According to the statistics of PUDaily, in January and February 2018, the volume of China's pure MDI exports amounted to 15,569 tons...[More](#)

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Henkel Expanding Use of Regranulated Resin in Flexible Packaging for its Laundry Detergents 2018-04-19

Consumer goods company Henkel is committed to creating more value for its consumers while reducing its environmental footprint at the same time. To reach its stated goal of becoming three times more efficient by 2030 — dubbed "Factor 3" — the company will have to improve its efficiency by an average of 5-6 percent per year...[More](#)

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LANXESS Launches a New Prepolymer for Polyurethane Cast Elastomers 2018-04-24

Specialty chemicals company LANXESS has developed Vibrathane 7085, a new, polyester-based prepolymer for hot cast elastomers. It has MDI end groups (methylene diphenyl diisocyanate) and cures with 1,4-butanediol to polyurethane cast elastomers, distinguished by a low compression set and a high tear strength at hardnesses of 83 to 87 Shore A...[More](#)

Industry Glance
U.S. Specialty Chemicals Markets End First Quarter On a Good Note 2018-04-24

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) reported that U.S. specialty chemicals market volumes ended the first quarter on a good note, increasing 0.4 percent in March after a 0.3 percent gain in February and a 0.1 percent gain in January...[More](#)

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