

News Focus

Impact of Sino-American Trade War on the Mattress Sector and in Turn the MDI Market 2018-10-09



PUdaily, Shanghai-- The U.S. government formally imposed an additional tariff of 10% on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods on September 24, and planned to raise the tariff to 25% at the end of this year. Mattress was also included in the list of tariff. What is worse, according to the website of United States International Trade Commission, on September 18 some American companies submitted an application to the United States Department of Commerce and the United States International Trade Commission for an anti-dumping investigation into Chinese mattresses. These companies include Corsicana Mattress Company, Elite Comfort Solutions, the Future terms Inc., looking, Inc., Innocor, Inc., KolcraftEnterprises Inc., Leggett & Platt, Incorporated, SertaSimmons Bedding,LLC and Tempur Sealy International, Inc...[More](#)

Polyurethane Market

An Analysis of Pure MDI Imports and Exports for the Jan.-to-Jul. Period 2018-09-30

PUdaily, Shanghai-- Customs data have not been updated for a long time due to the force majeure. After obtaining the data on pure MDI for the period from April to July, PUdaily can't wait to sort out them and share the results with you.As shown in the histogram below, from January to July China imported 42,713 tons of pure MDI, equivalent to the volume (43434 tons) for the same period last year...[More](#)

When will the Declining TDI Price Bounce Back? 2018-09-29

For a period before September 29, the TDI market had been falling. The downward trend started from the middle of August. In the three weeks before September 29, the decrease had accelerated. During this period, the good news that many domestic facilities underwent maintenance failed to boost the price as the less-than-expected demand and the large influx of imported goods in the past two months put a greater downward pressure...[More](#)

The Future of Sino-American Trade War 2018-09-28

Recently, the Sino-U.S. trade escalated. On September 18, the U.S. government announced that it planned to impose an additional tariff of 10% on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods, which would take effect on September 24. And the tariff would rise to 25% on January 1, 2019. U.S. President Donald Trump said "if China takes retaliatory action against U.S. farmers or industries, we will immediately pursue phase three...[More](#)

Company Dynamic

Reports: Recticel to sell auto division 2018-09-30

Urethane foam maker Recticel NV/SA could sell its auto division by the end of this year, and may already have a short-list of preferred bidders, according to financial analysts. The analysts suggest the Brussels-based firm will use the funds it raises to develop its isolation division...[More](#)

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Huntsman Increases Production Capacity for PU Catalysts in Hungary 2018-10-08

Huntsman announced that its Performance Products division has completed an expansion of speciality amines manufacturing capacity at its facility in Petfurdo, Hungary. According to the company, this expansion increases its existing polyurethane catalyst production capacity globally by over 20 %...[More](#)

AkzoNobel Industrial Coatings Develops intelliCURE for Wood Adhesives 2018-09-27

AkzoNobel's Industrial Coatings business developed intelliCURE, a system involving bundling actual products, software and machinery into a single solution for manufacturers of glued wooden parts. "Gone are the days when we solely focus on providing customers with the best adhesives to bond their wood components together...[More](#)

Industry Glance

Sika Opens Plant in Mexico, Expands Automotive OEM Supply-Chain Footprint 2018-09-29

Sika is adding strength and capacity to its Mexican product supply chain in the Automotive sector with the opening of a new manufacturing facility in Querétaro, Mexico. The new factory, which includes an integrated logistics center, will manufacture and locally supply Sika's full range of acoustic treatments ...[More](#)

French Auto Parts Makers Warn of Production Crises in Nylon Shortage 2018-10-09

The association of French automotive plastic parts makers (GPA) has warned of an impending crisis due to the shortage of key nylon 6/6 materials in the region.In an Oct. 5 statement, the GPA said the ongoing nylon 6/6 shortage could put the automotive industry in "serious difficulty" and urged car makers to find alternative solutions...[More](#)

TPE Production Moving from Asia to North America 2018-09-28

The global thermoplastic elastomer market is "at a change point" in 2018, with the supply chain shifting from Asia and Europe to North America, according to industry consultant Robert Eller. "We're seeing a reverse flow of globalization," Eller said Sept. 19 at TPE Topcon, an industry conference hosted by the Society of Plastics Engineers in Fairlawn...[More](#)

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