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### Statement on new EU choline chloride anti-dumping measures

*EU producers laud EU for addressing choline chloride dumping by China; measures will help preserve jobs and secure feed supply chain.*

**Montvale, New Jersey. December 22, 2025.** As producers of choline chloride in the EU, Eastman and Balchem welcome the European Union's decision published on December 19, 2025 to adopt anti-dumping duties between 90.0 and 115.9% on choline chloride imports from the People's Republic of China. This decision, which will be effective for five years with the possibility of renewal, confirms Europe's determination to ensure the continuation of an important part of the EU food and feed supply chain in the face of unfair trade practices from producers in China.

Defending fair trade in choline chloride is essential to preserving European jobs, encouraging industrial innovation, and supporting a strong and sustainable supply chain for EU food and feed.

Representatives of the EU producers express their companies' gratitude to the European Commission, and in particular to the Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE), for its rigorous work, independence, and ongoing commitment to fair trade.

The EU industry, which has sufficient production capacities in place to accommodate the full EU market demand and growth for the foreseeable future, sees these measures as essential for assuring their ability to continue their investments in EU production, employment and innovation.

More generally, these measures allow the EU supply chain and EU consumers to have a healthy domestic EU choline chloride industry which can ensure supply stability and compliance with the highest health and safety standards. Especially in a time of geopolitical instabilities, the EU cannot afford to allow unfairly traded imports from China to make EU food and feed industries wholly dependent on Chinese suppliers.

The EU producers will continue to work closely with the European Commission and national authorities to ensure the effective implementation of these measures and to monitor any attempts to circumvent them. In this regard, the producers also welcome the recent clarifications of the customs origin rules which will help prevent circumvention of the anti-dumping measures via the placing of liquid choline chloride on a carrier in a country other than China. The origin rules now state that, for purposes of determining the origin of choline chloride products, the last substantial transformation which confers origin is the country where the chemical reaction for choline chloride between trimethylamine hydrochloride and ethylene oxide takes place. In other

words, liquid choline chloride made in China and put on a carrier in a third country, e.g. Vietnam, still has Chinese origin upon importation into the EU.

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