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Executive Overview

North America is the largest recorded HDPE supplier in January–September 2026, with exports of 3,293.4 thousand metric tons, followed by the Middle East at 2,242.3. Western Europe leads imports at 2,234.2, ahead of Southeast Asia at 1,303.1 and North America at 1,223.5. North America and the Middle East retain the principal regional surpluses.

Global recorded flows total 9,796.4 thousand metric tons, compared with 16,025.7 in January–September 2025. The 38.9% shortfall combines trade movements with missing reports. Volume-weighted coverage falls from 62.0% in July to 48.9% in August and only 0.9% in September. The latest monthly decline cannot be interpreted as a comparable contraction in world trade.

Western Europe and South America retain sizable import deficits, while Central and Eastern Europe's deficit widens despite the generally lower current-year coverage. Northeast Asia's much smaller recorded deficit includes temporary monthly surpluses, but its pronounced import shortfall prevents a firm conclusion that underlying import requirements have changed. Africa, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent and Oceania remain net importers over the comparison window.

Regional prices generally strengthen into May or June and then ease. Available August CIF values range from USD 1,213 per metric ton in Southeast Asia to 1,714 in Oceania, with Western Europe near the upper end at 1,673. Western Europe also has the highest August FOB value, 1,847. September prices cover few reporting markets; unfiltered prices retain shipment-mix and reporting-composition effects.

One reporter released its latest submission in November, 41 in October and 18 in September. Only four reporters have direct September trade observations. September coverage is 4.1% of reporters and 0.9% of trade volume using 2025 reported volumes as weights. August has substantially broader coverage and is the more useful recent regional price comparison, although it too remains incomplete.

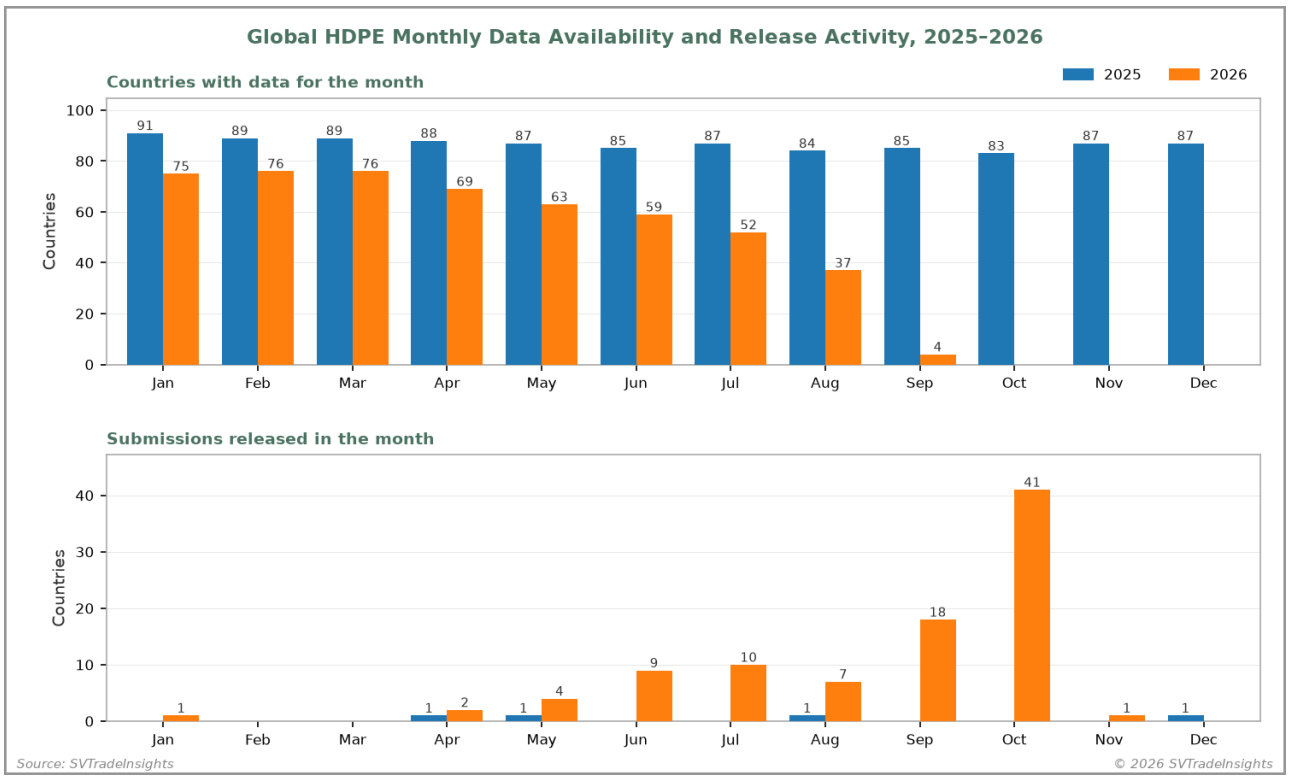


Figure 1.1: HDPE monthly data availability and release activity 2025–2026

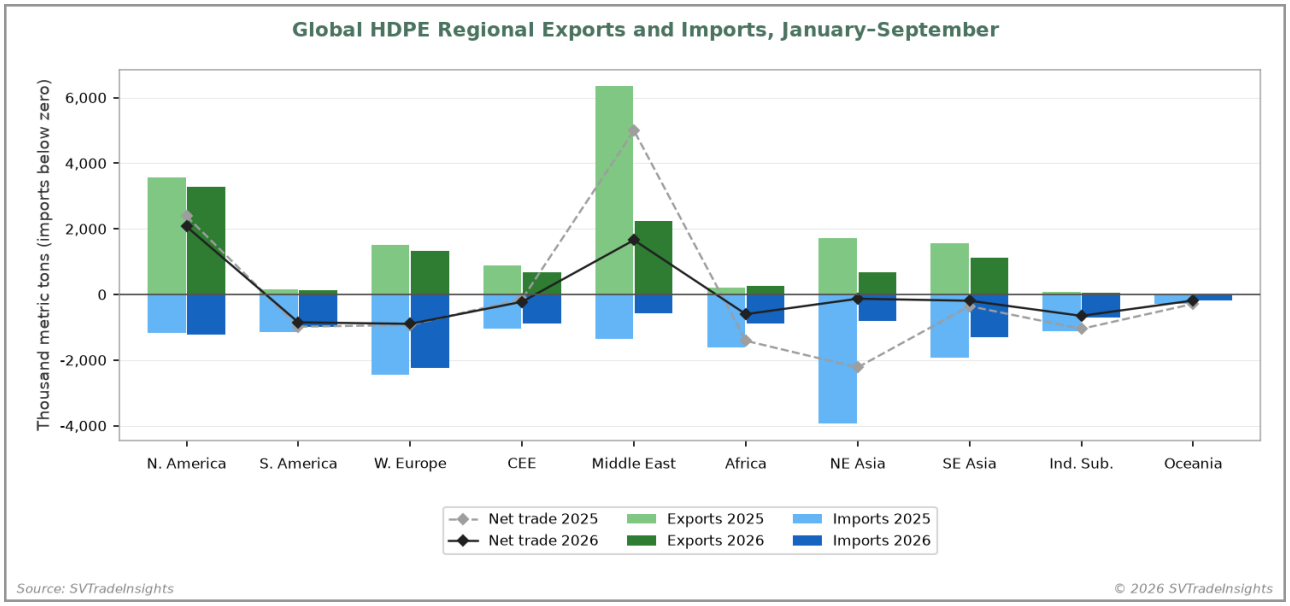


Figure 2.1: HDPE regional exports imports and net trade in the January–September comparison

1. Introduction

1.1. Report Purpose and Scope

HDPE is high-density polyethylene, a rigid and durable thermoplastic polymer with a specific gravity of 0.94 or more. Major applications include rigid packaging such as bottles, caps and containers; pipes and fittings; films and bags; crates, drums and industrial tanks; and household goods and toys.

This November 2026 edition uses statistical evidence to support monthly market monitoring, long-term planning, project development and target-market identification. It covers monthly 2025 results and available 2026 observations, including month-on-month and year-on-year comparisons. September is the latest trade month with observations; the regional comparison covers January–September in both years.

Volumes are expressed in thousand metric tons and transaction prices in US dollars per metric ton. The source abbreviation kta denotes thousand metric tons for the stated period, rather than an annualized monthly rate. Positive net trade denotes an export surplus and negative net trade an import deficit. Gross flows include movements within and between regions. Completed-year monthly volumes are aligned to annual results, while incomplete-year volumes are reconciled month by month without annual scaling. Monthly prices retain the reported series.

Country analysis follows the latest submissions released in September, October and November. A release month is distinct from the trade months covered. The accompanying Excel workbook contains the complete detailed bilateral, regional and country datasets and classifications. Missing observations do not establish zero trade; statistical movements alone do not establish changes in production, consumption or executable market prices.

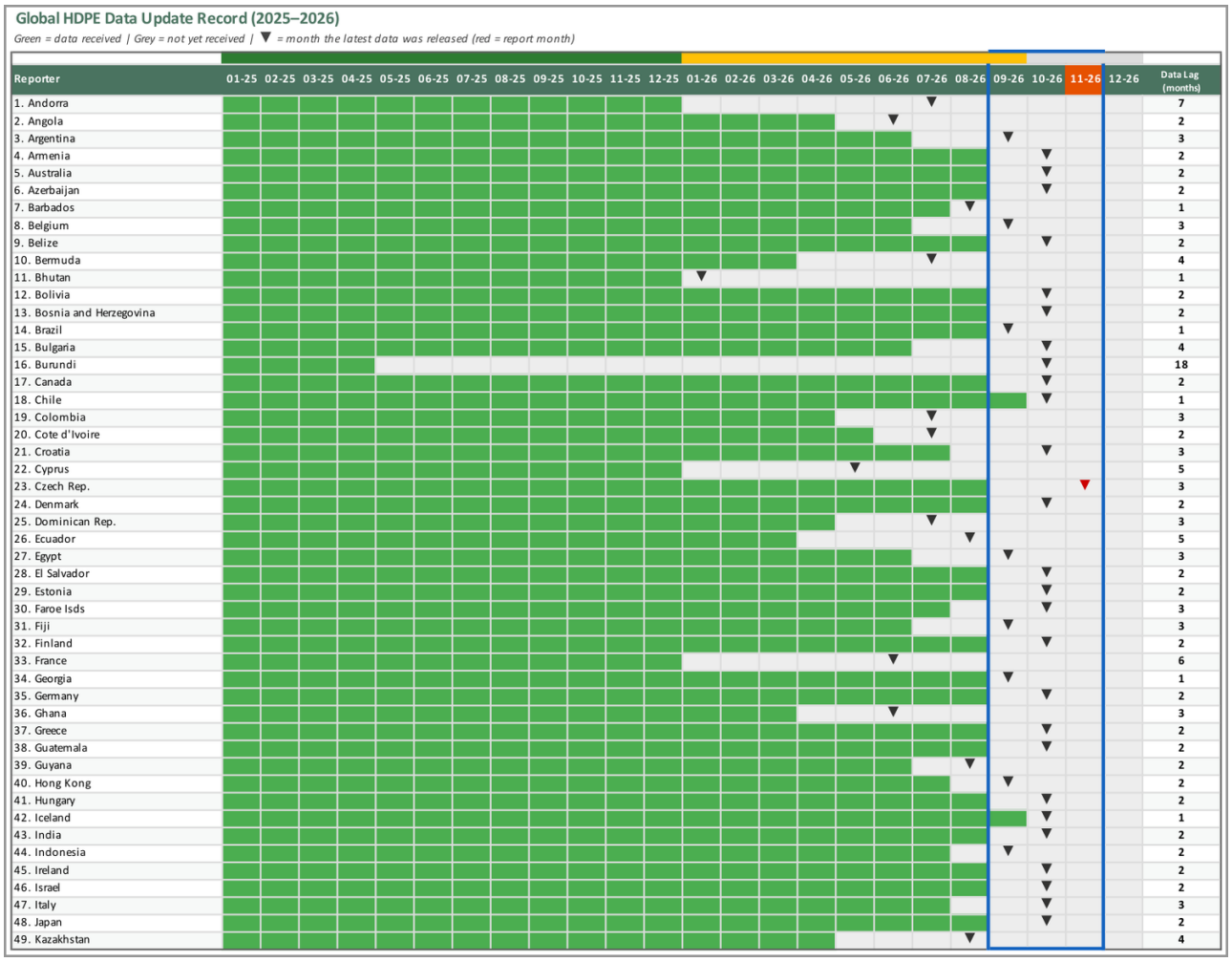
1.2. Data Update Record

The latest submission is from the Czech Republic, released in November. The October and September release groups cover different trade months and can contain revisions to earlier records. Reporting lags average 3.0 months. Volume-weighted coverage falls from 67.2% in June 2026 to 62.0% in July, 48.9% in August and 0.9% in September. October onward has no trade data. These weights describe availability against the completed-year reporting base, rather than the share of actual 2026 trade received.

Green cells indicate data available through the stated month and grey cells indicate data not yet received. The triangle marks the month of the latest release. Countries with no trade are counted as up to date, so some green cells represent silence rather than a positive filing. Belize appears among the October submissions but has no country analysis block in the published monthly tables; no bilateral finding is inferred for it.

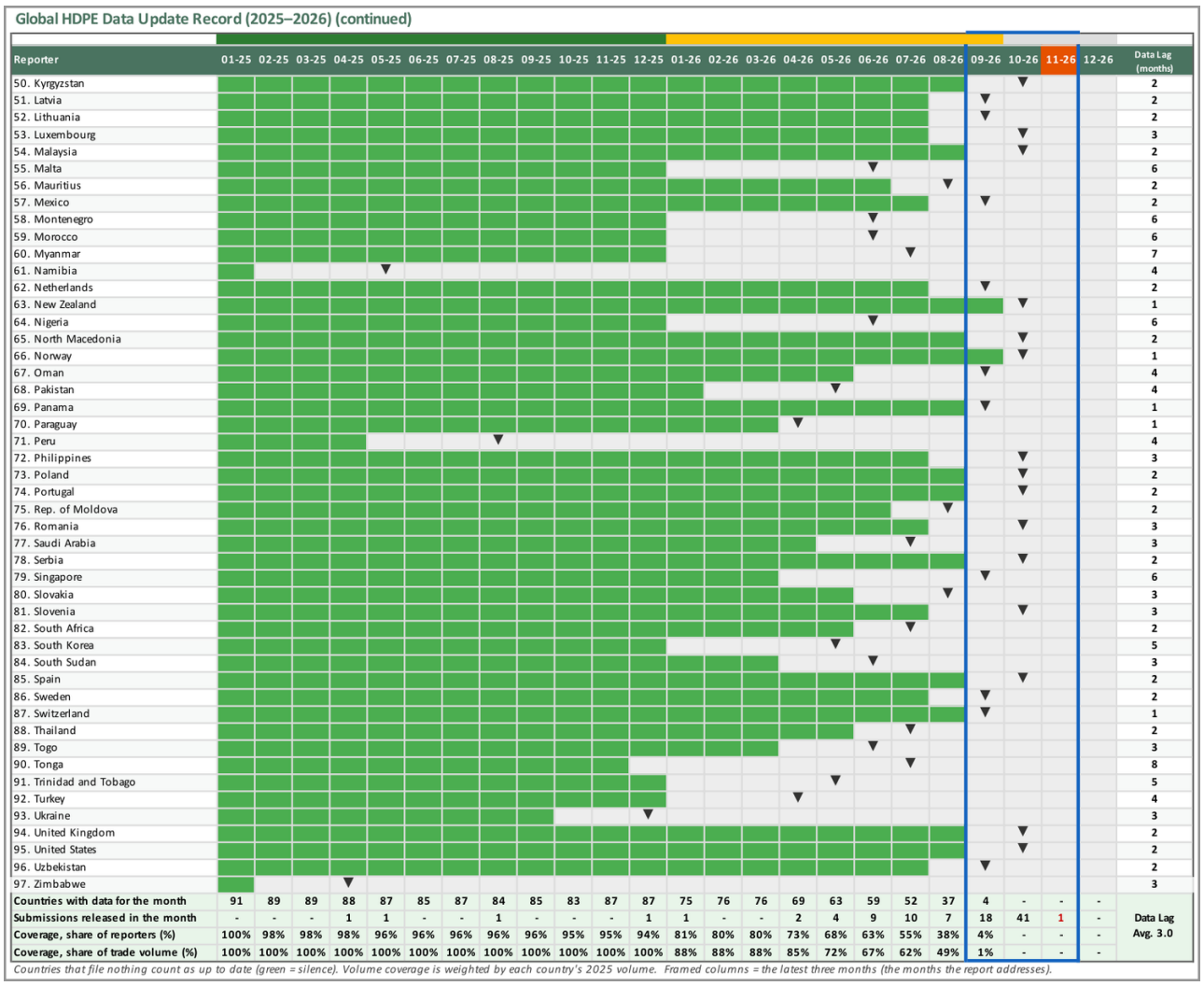
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Table 1.1: HDPE Data Update Record (2025–2026)



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Table 1.1: HDPE Data Update Record (2025–2026) (Cont'd)



Reporter	01-25	02-25	03-25	04-25	05-25	06-25	07-25	08-25	09-25	10-25	11-25	12-25	01-26	02-26	03-26	04-26	05-26	06-26	07-26	08-26	09-26	10-26	11-26	12-26	Data Lag (months)
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65. North Macedonia																						▼			2
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Countries with data for the month	91	89	89	88	87	85	87	84	85	83	87	87	75	76	76	69	63	59	52	37	4	-	-	-	
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Coverage, share of reporters (%)	100%	98%	98%	98%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	95%	95%	94%	81%	80%	80%	73%	68%	63%	55%	38%	4%	-	-	-	
Coverage, share of trade volume (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	88%	88%	88%	85%	72%	67%	62%	49%	1%	-	-	-	

Countries that file nothing count as up to date (green = silence). Volume coverage is weighted by each country's 2025 volume. Framed columns = the latest three months (the months the report addresses).

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2. Global and Regional Monthly/YTD Analysis

2.1. Regional Net Trade Volumes, Exports and Imports

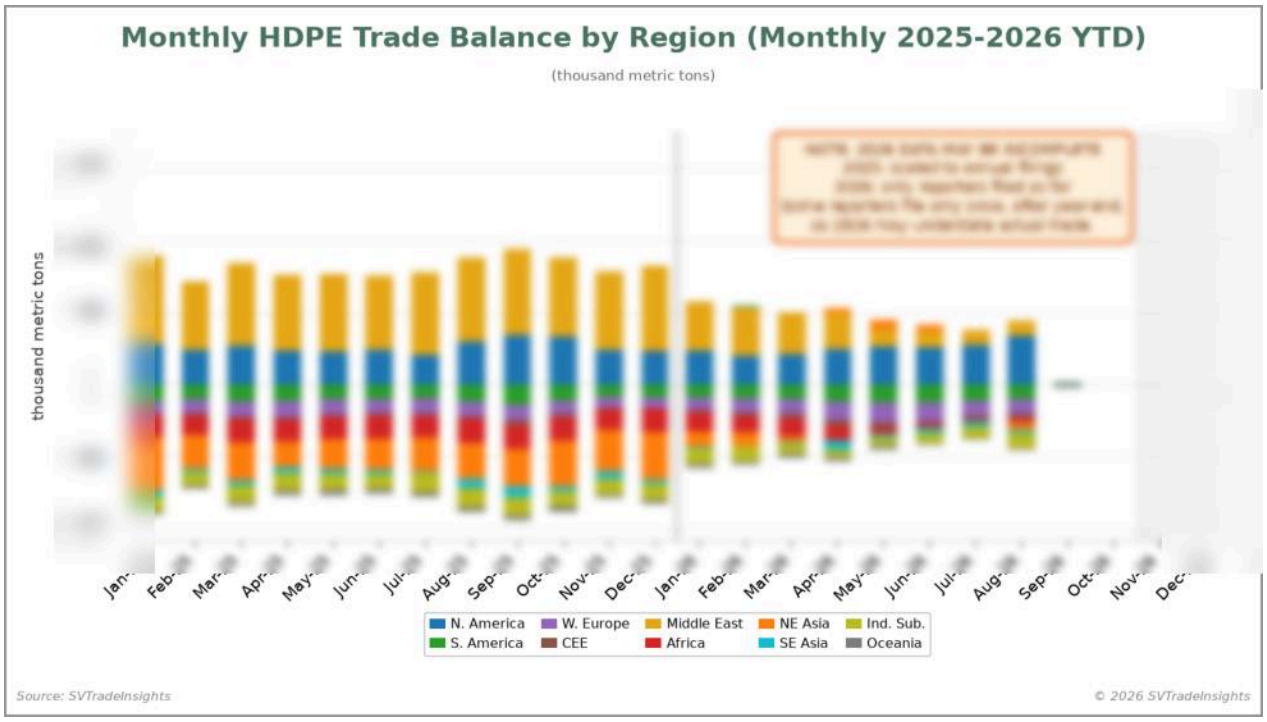


Figure 2.2: HDPE monthly trade balance by region

Table 2.1: Global net trade by region with January–September comparison (thousand metric tons)

Global Net Trade by Region (Monthly 2025-2026 YTD)

Region	Year
North America	2025
	2026
South America	2025
	2026
Western Europe	2025
	2026
Central & Eastern Europe	2025
	2026
Middle East	2025
	2026
Africa	2025
	2026
Northeast Asia	2025
	2026
Southeast Asia	2025
	2026
Indian Subcontinent	2025
	2026
Oceania	2025
	2026
Balance	**2025**
	2026

** 2026 data may be incomplete: only reporters th*
Jan-Sep in both years; grey cells are months not ye

Table 2.2: Regional export volumes by month and January–September comparison (thousand metric tons)

Regional export volumes by month and matched-period YTD

Unit: kta

Region	Year
North America	2025
	2026
South America	2025
	2026
Western Europe	2025
	2026
Central & Eastern Europe	2025
	2026
Middle East	2025
	2026
Africa	2025
	2026
Northeast Asia	2025
	2026
Southeast Asia	2025
	2026
Indian Subcontinent	2025
	2026
Oceania	2025
	2026
Total	**2025**
	2026

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compare Jan-Sep in both years; grey cells are mo

Table 2.3: Regional import volumes by month and January–September comparison (thousand metric tons)

Regional import volumes by month and matched-period YTD

Unit: kta

Region	Year
North America	2025
	2026
South America	2025
	2026
Western Europe	2025
	2026
Central & Eastern Europe	2025
	2026
Middle East	2025
	2026
Africa	2025
	2026
Northeast Asia	2025
	2026
Southeast Asia	2025
	2026
Indian Subcontinent	2025
	2026
Oceania	2025
	2026
Total	**2025**
	2026

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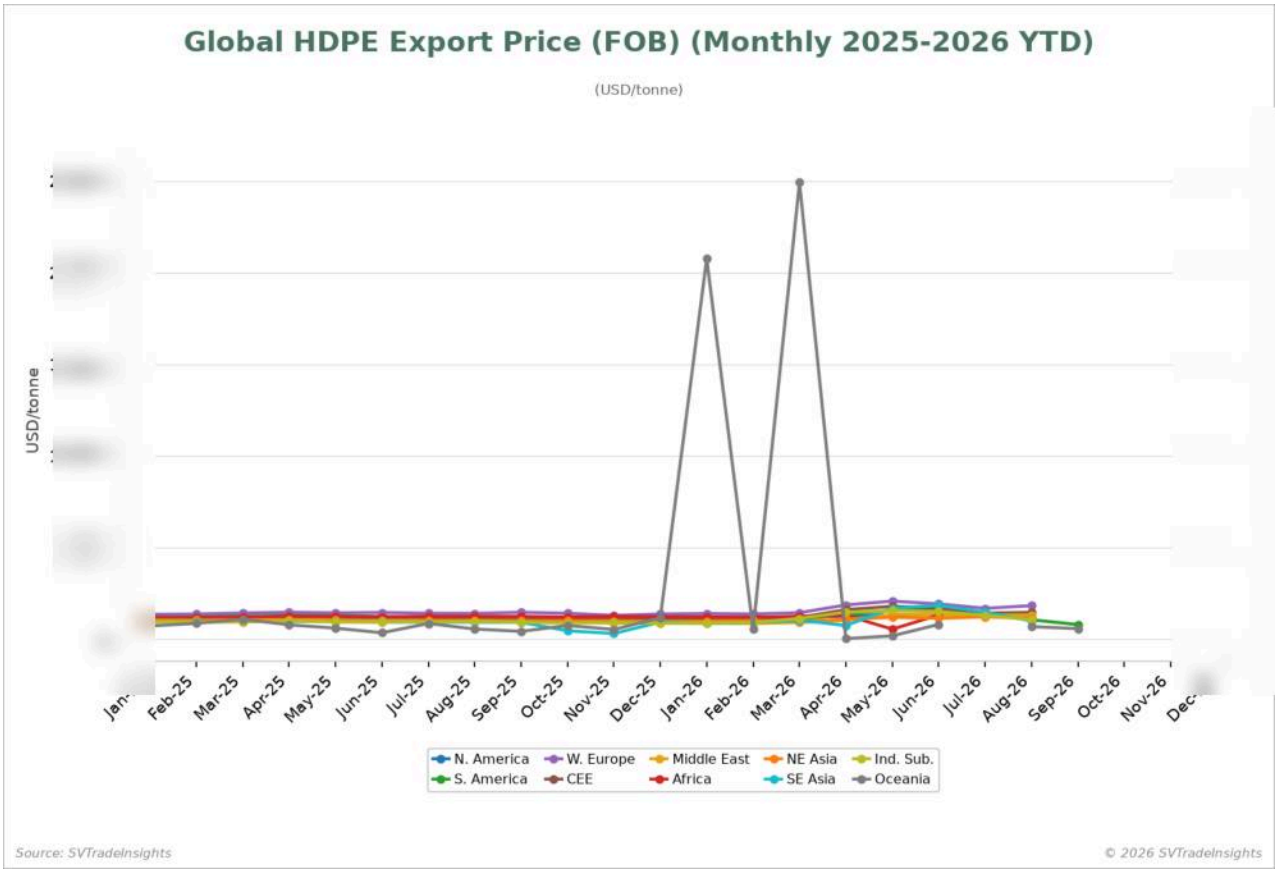


Figure 2.3: Regional monthly export transaction prices on an FOB basis

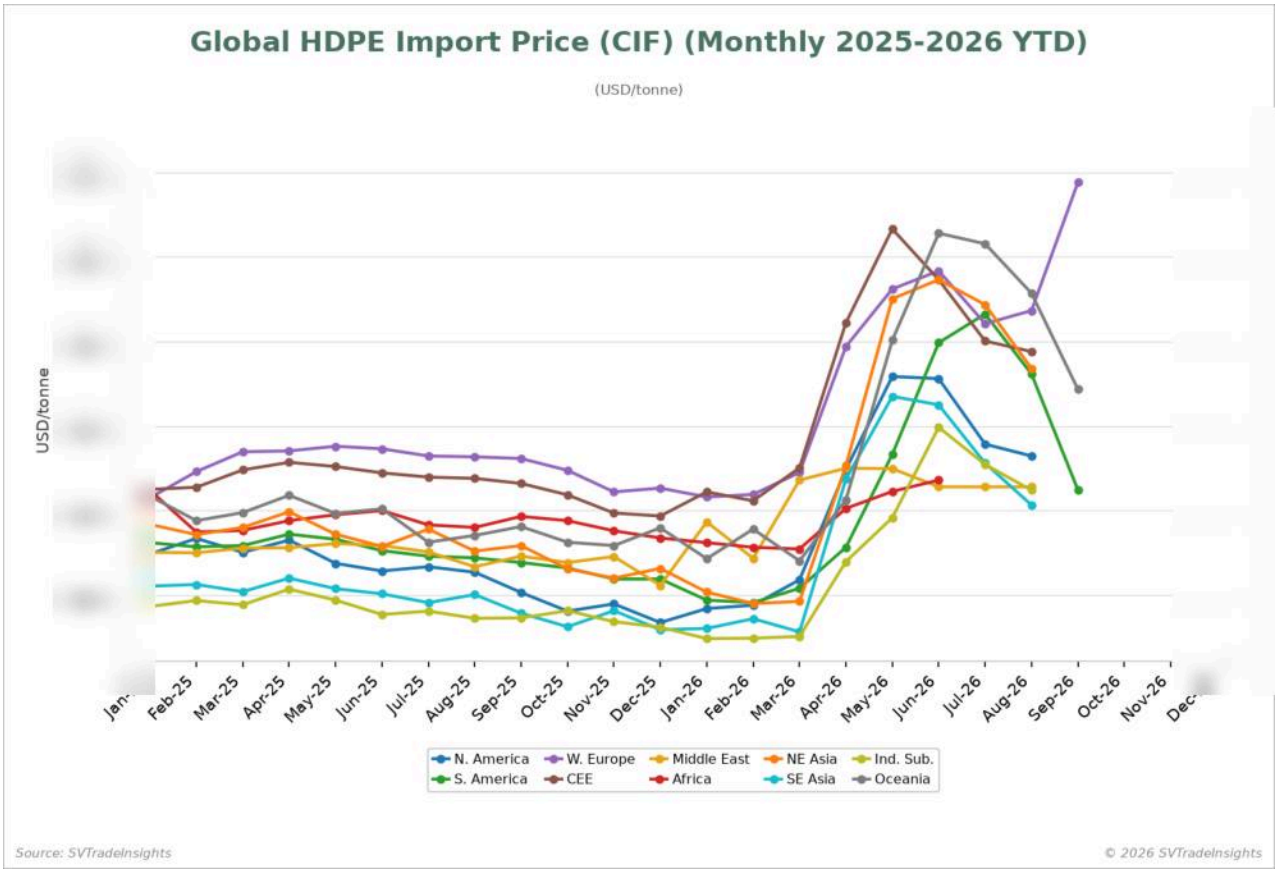


Figure 2.4: Regional monthly import transaction prices on a CIF basis

3. Monthly Trade Volumes and Prices by Country

3.1. Latest Update November Filings

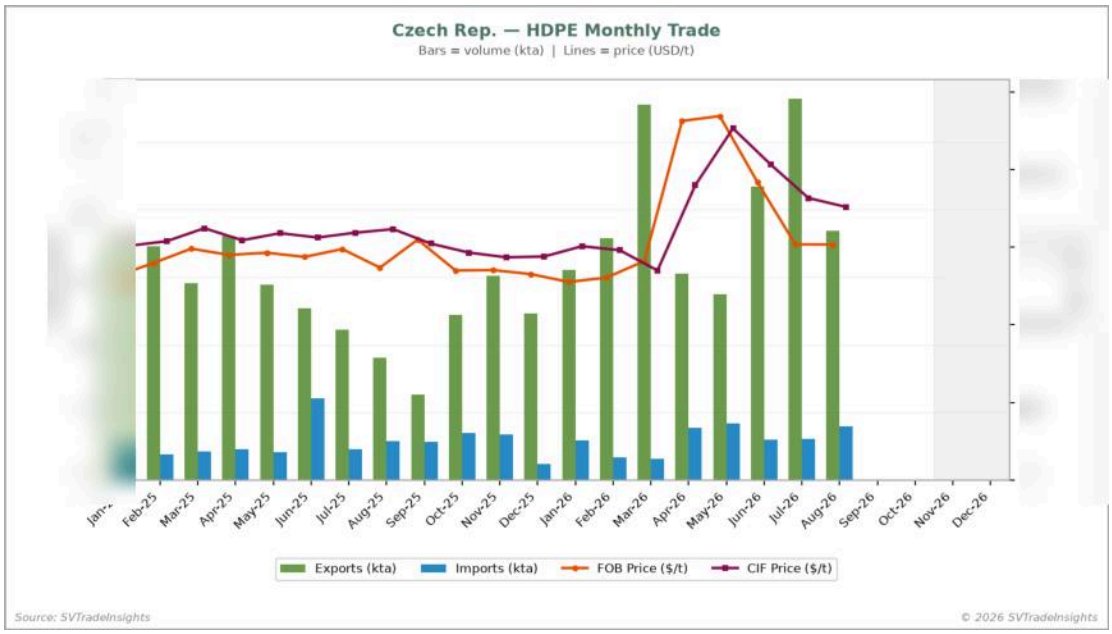


Figure 3.1.1a: Czech Rep. monthly trade volumes and transaction prices

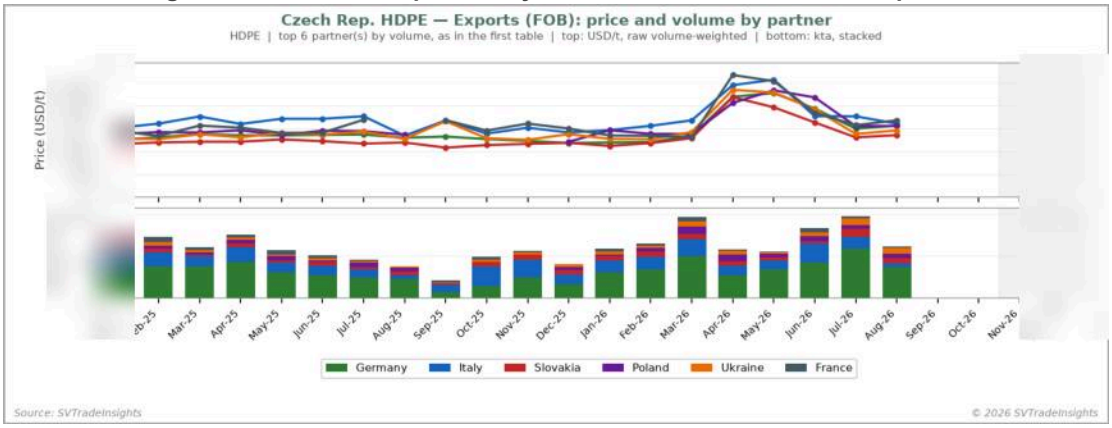


Figure 3.1.1b: Czech Rep. export volumes and FOB prices by partner

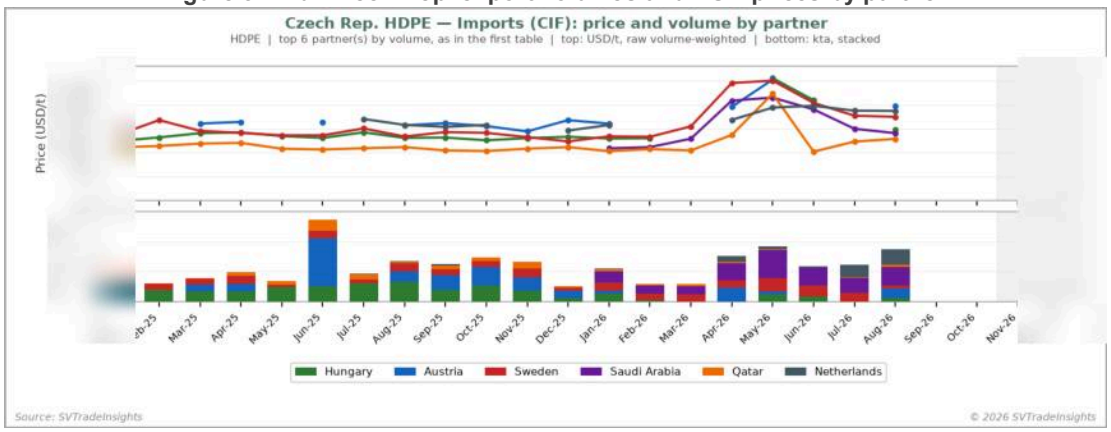


Figure 3.1.1c: Czech Rep. import volumes and CIF prices by partner

3.2. October Filings

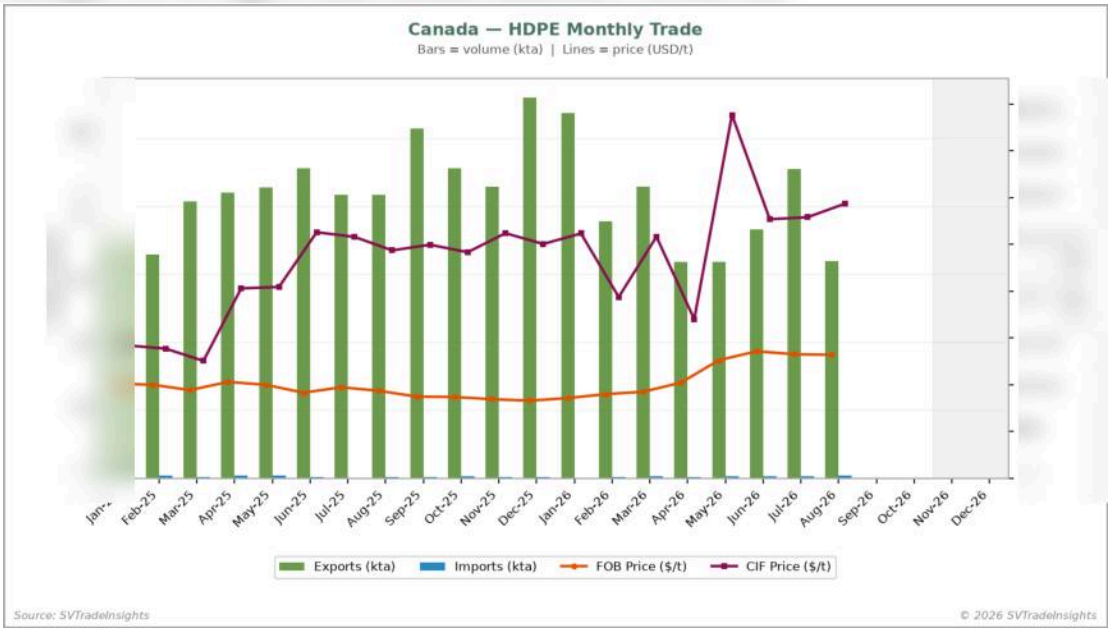


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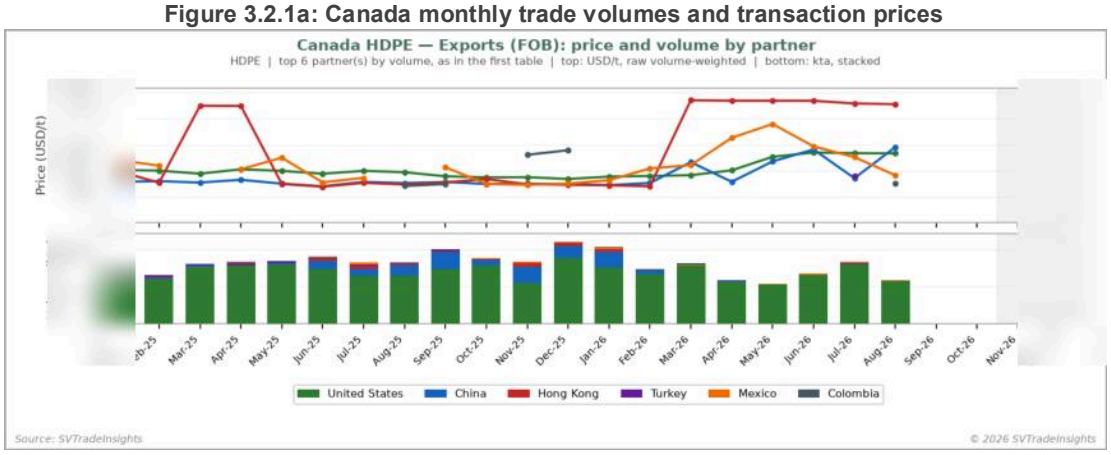


Figure 3.2.1b: Canada export volumes and FOB prices by partner

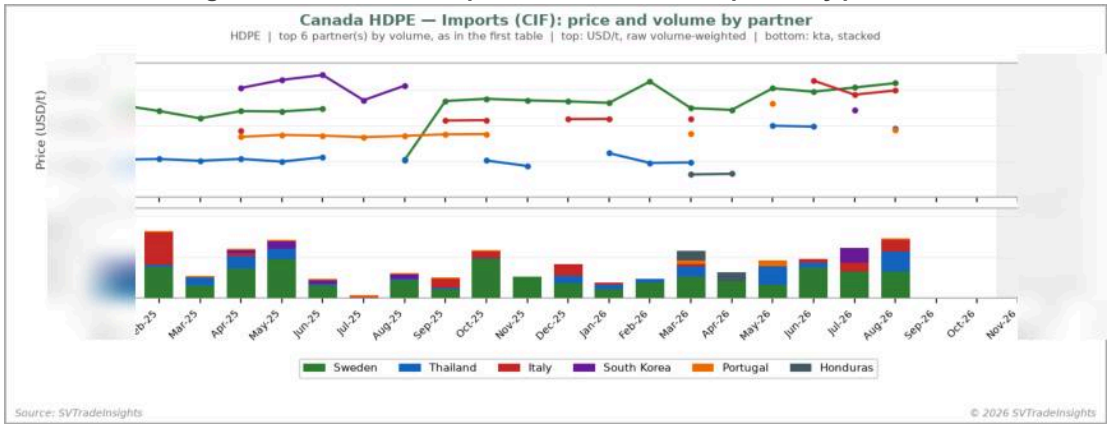


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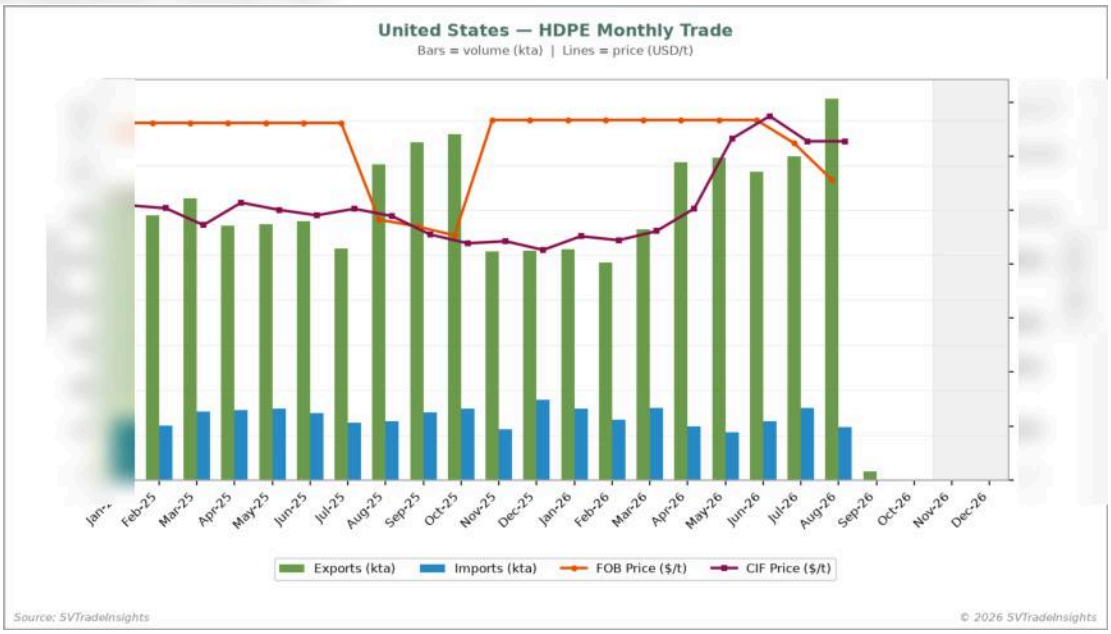


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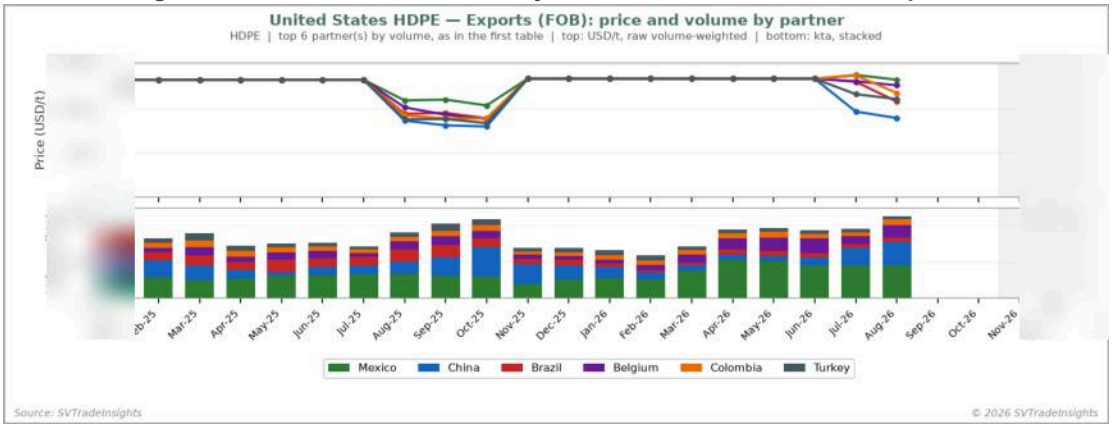


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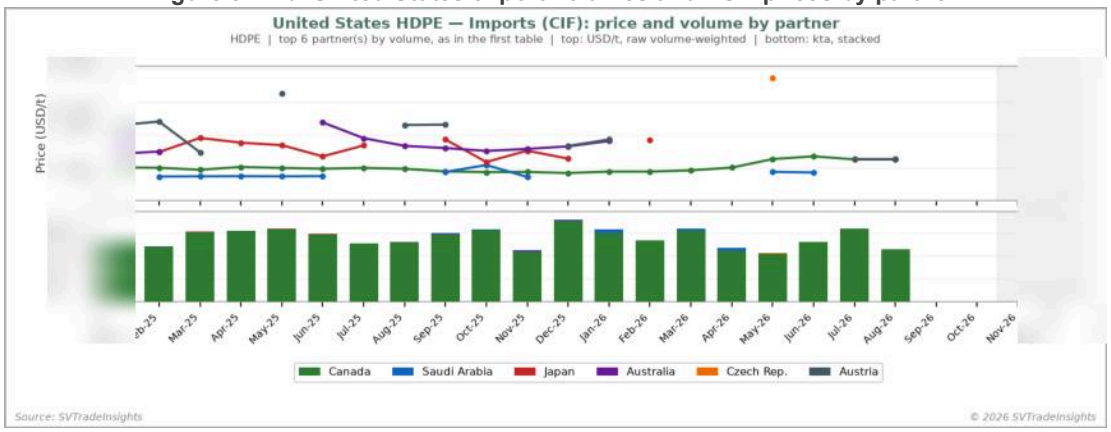


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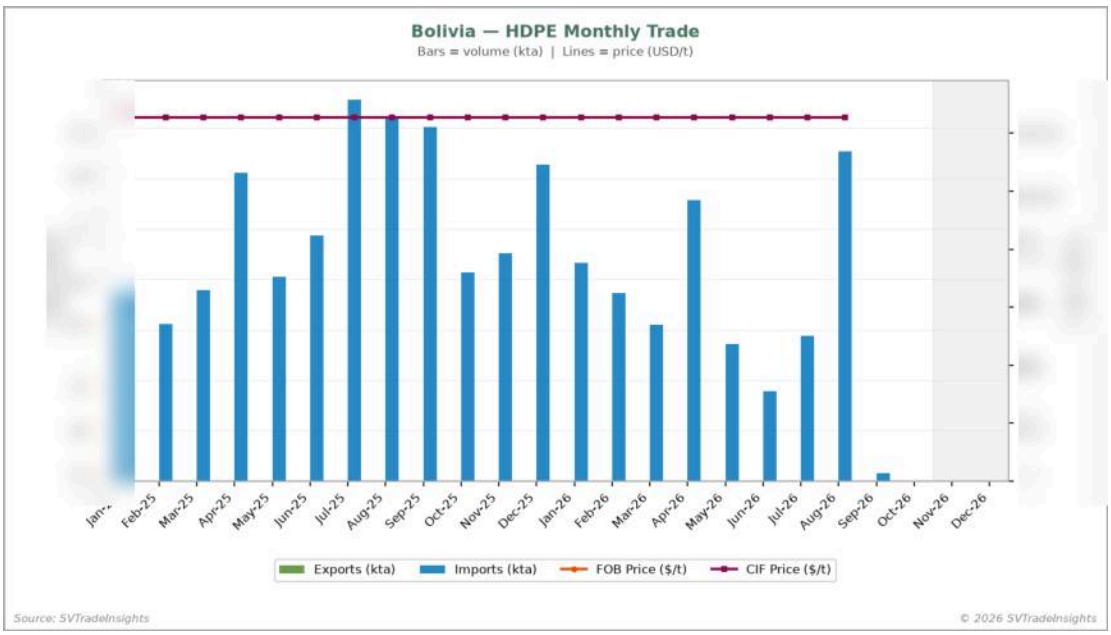


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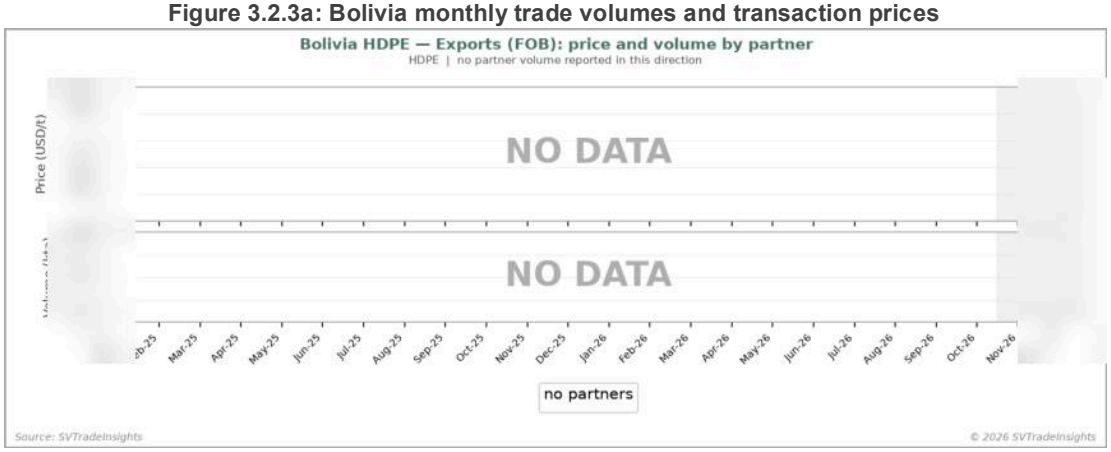


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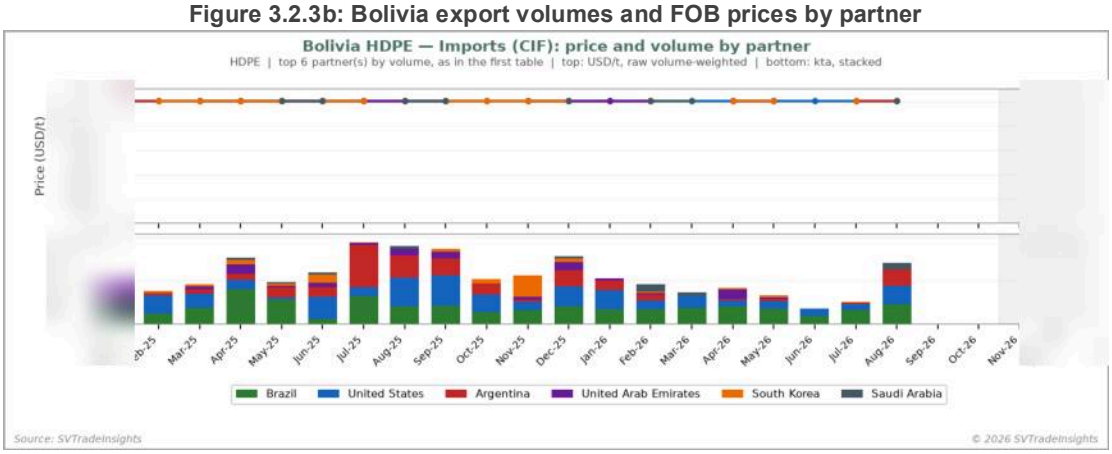


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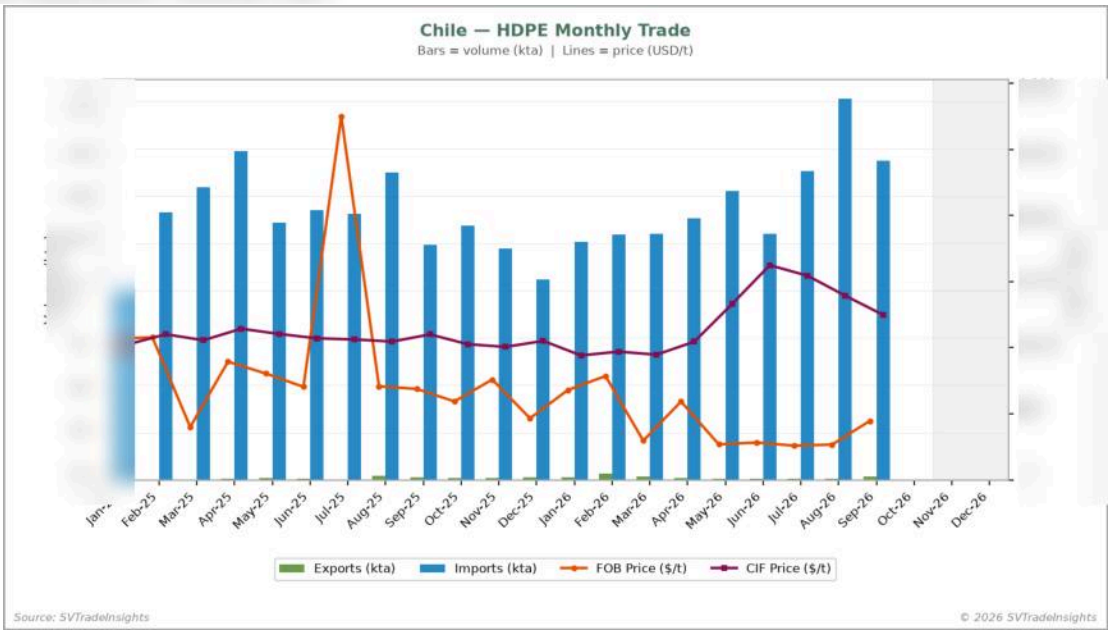


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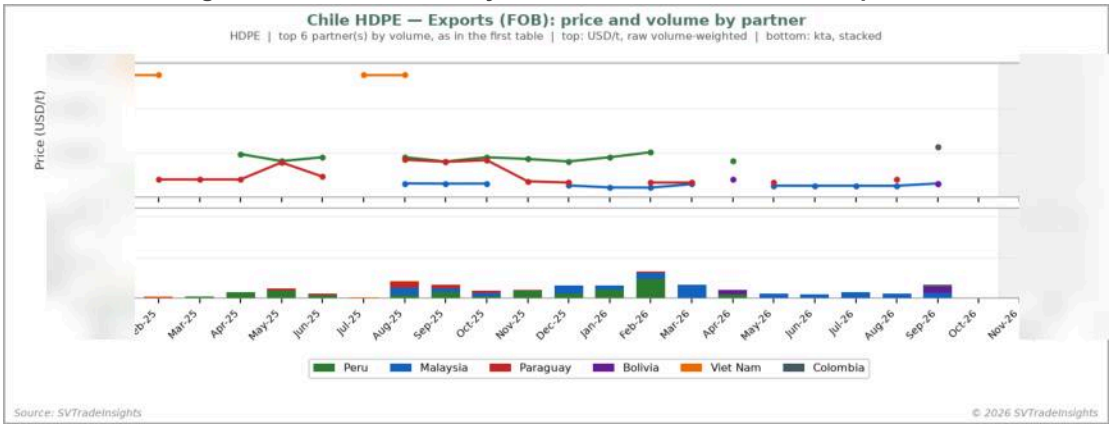


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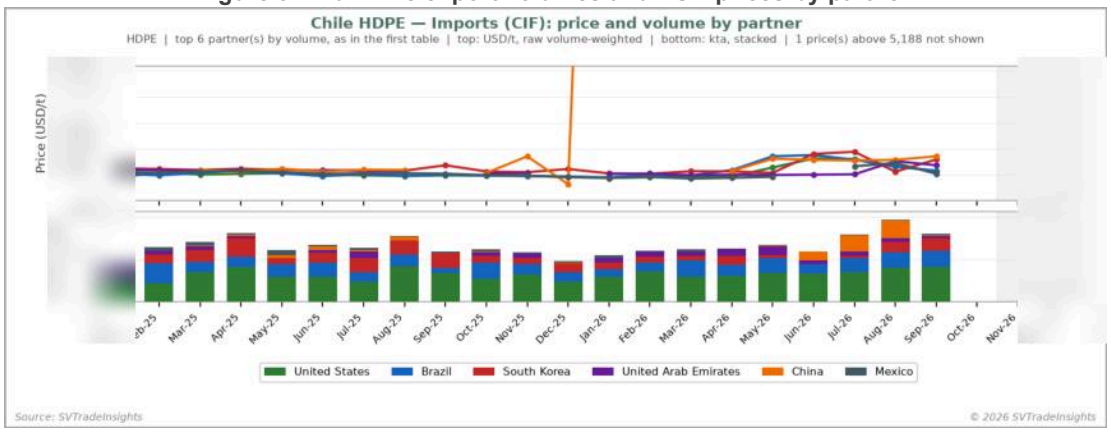


Figure 3.2.4c: Chile import volumes and CIF prices by partner

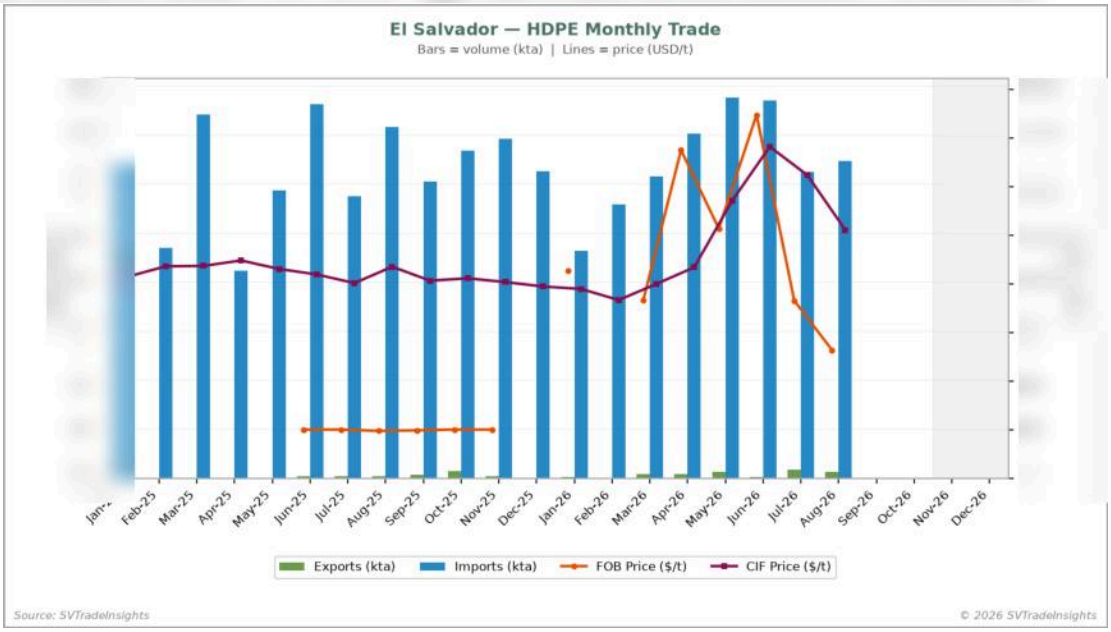


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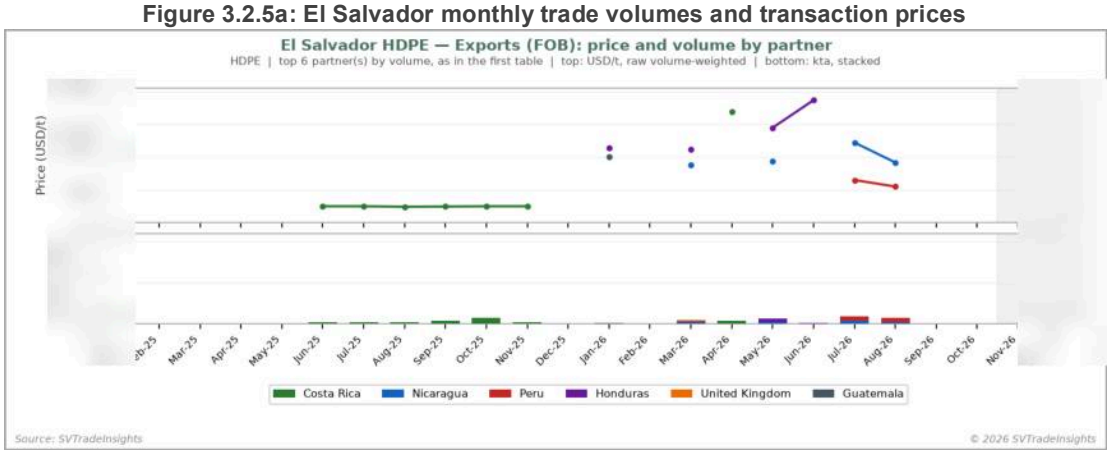


Figure 3.2.5b: El Salvador export volumes and FOB prices by partner

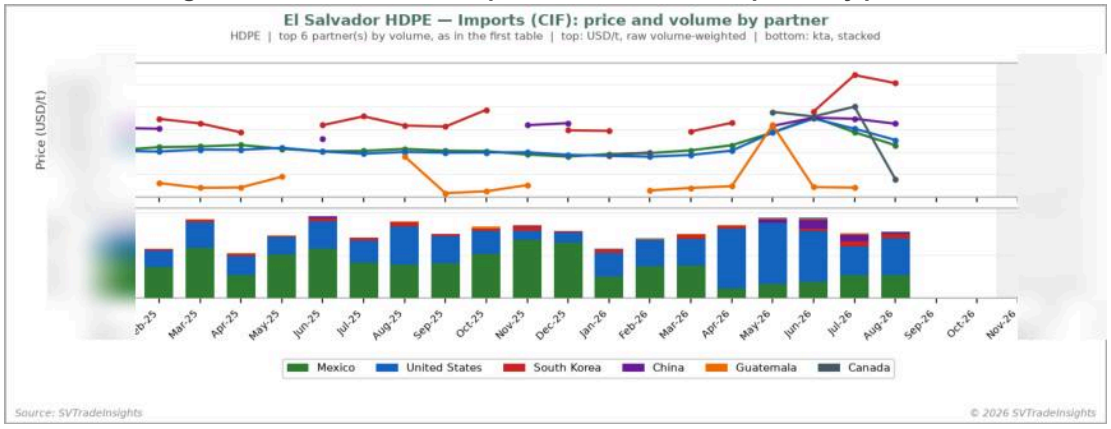


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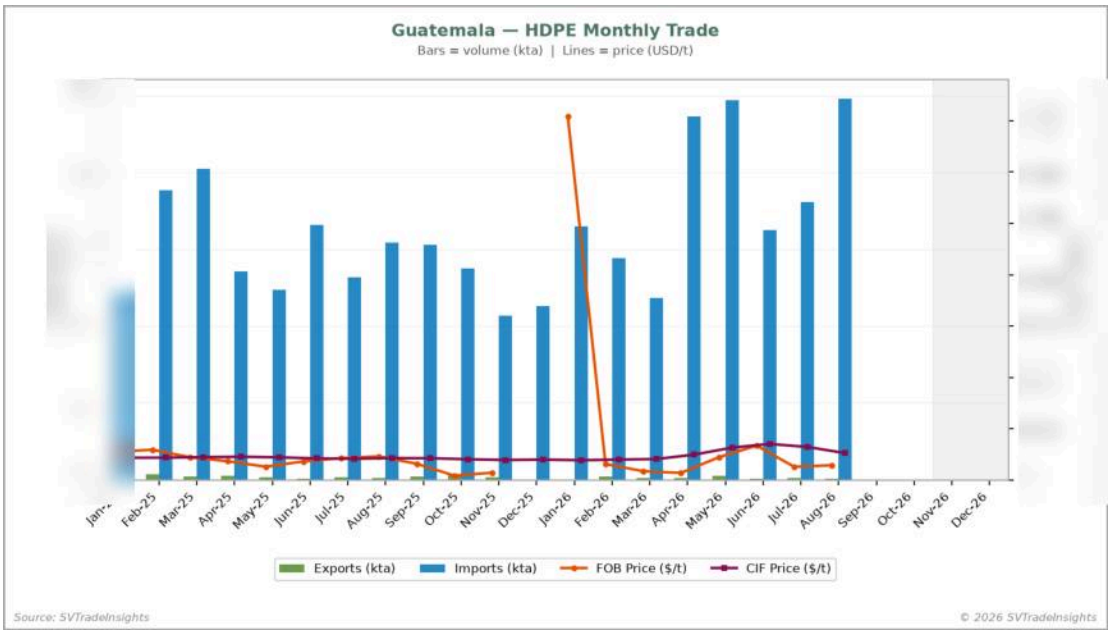


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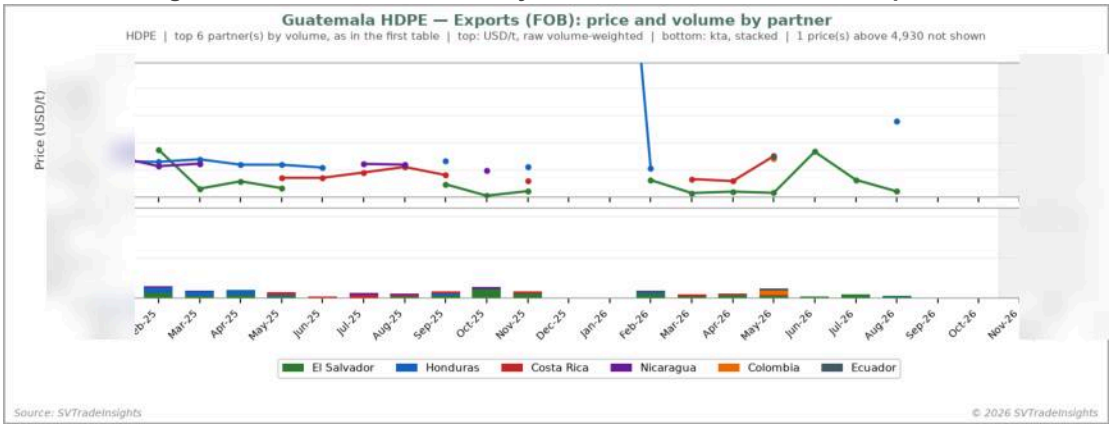


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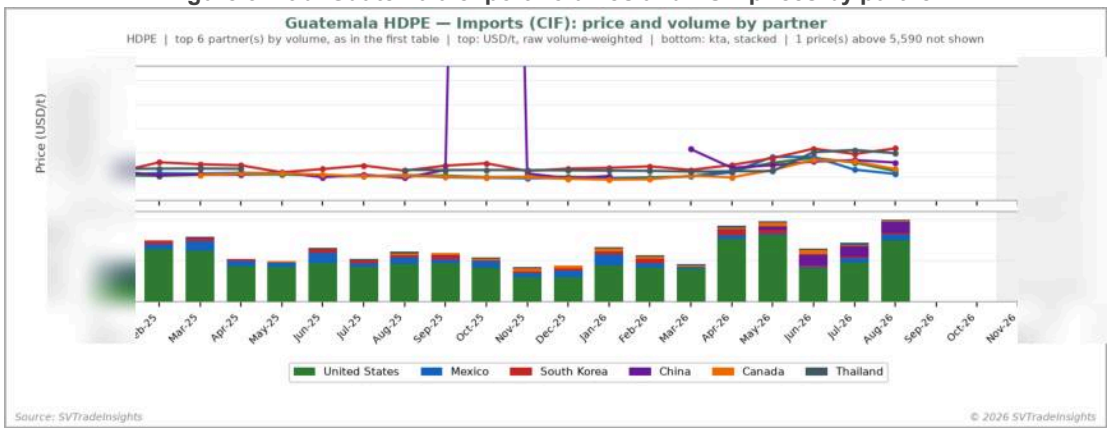


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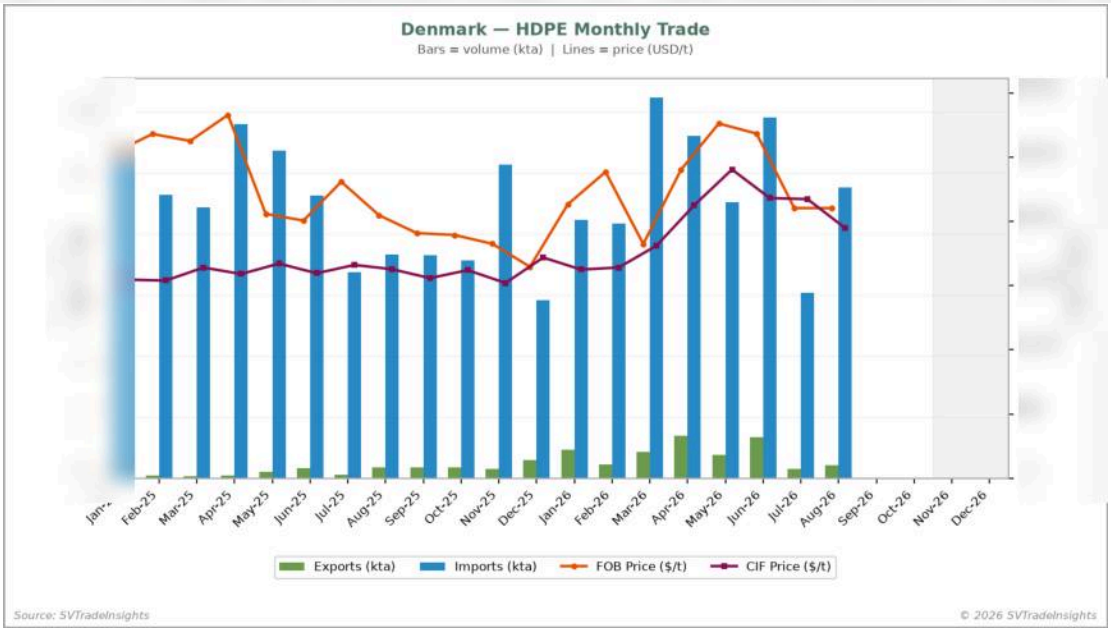


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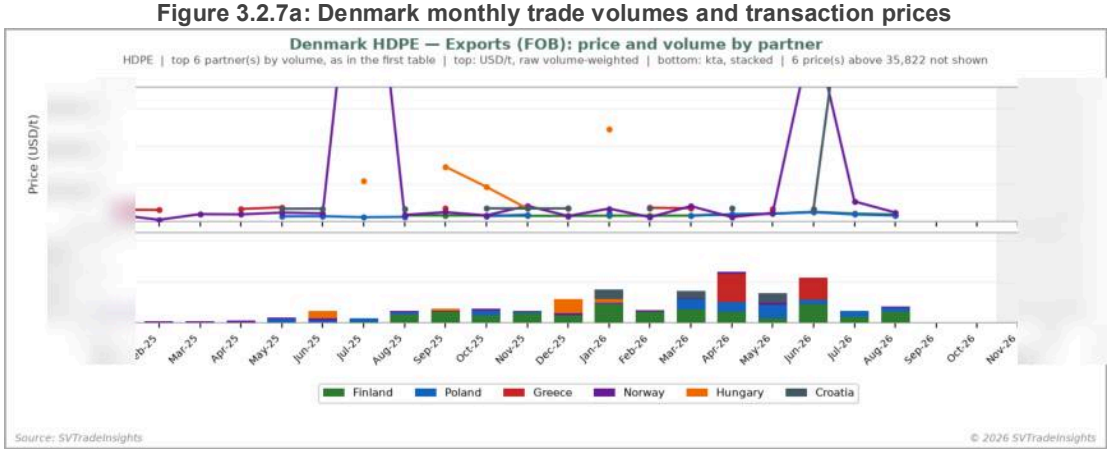


Figure 3.2.7b: Denmark export volumes and FOB prices by partner

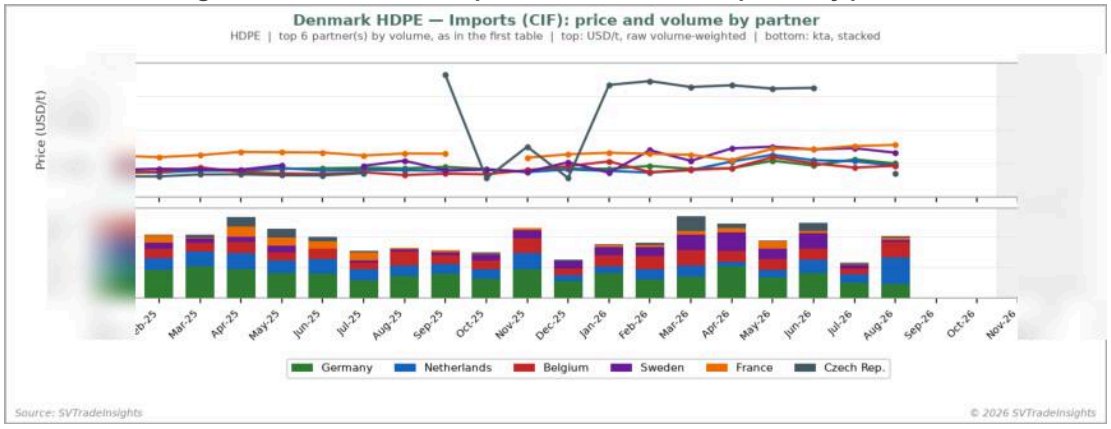


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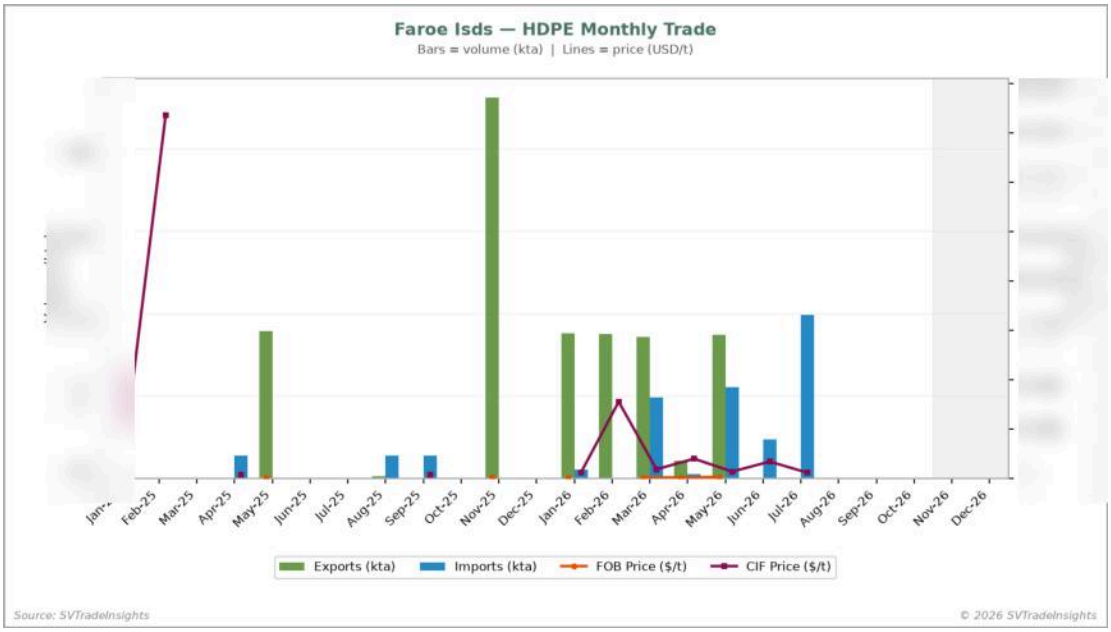


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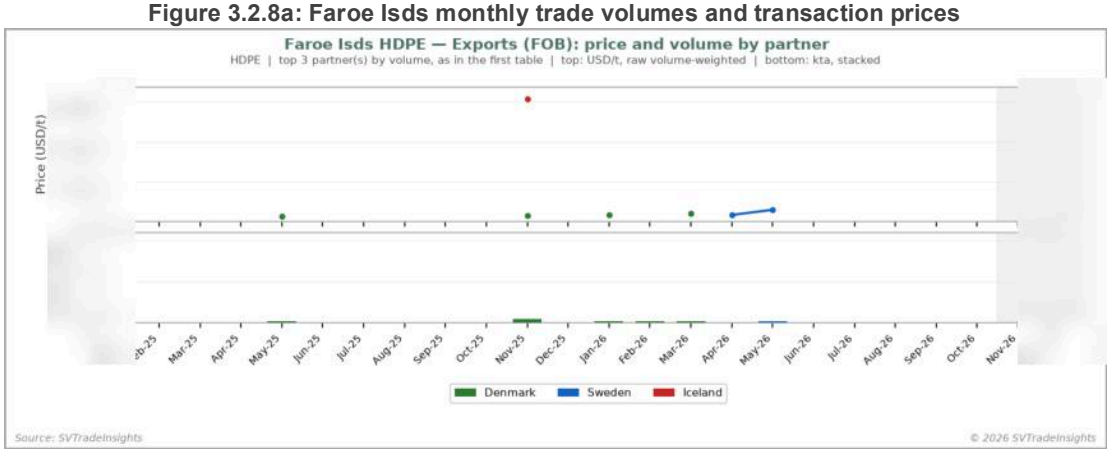


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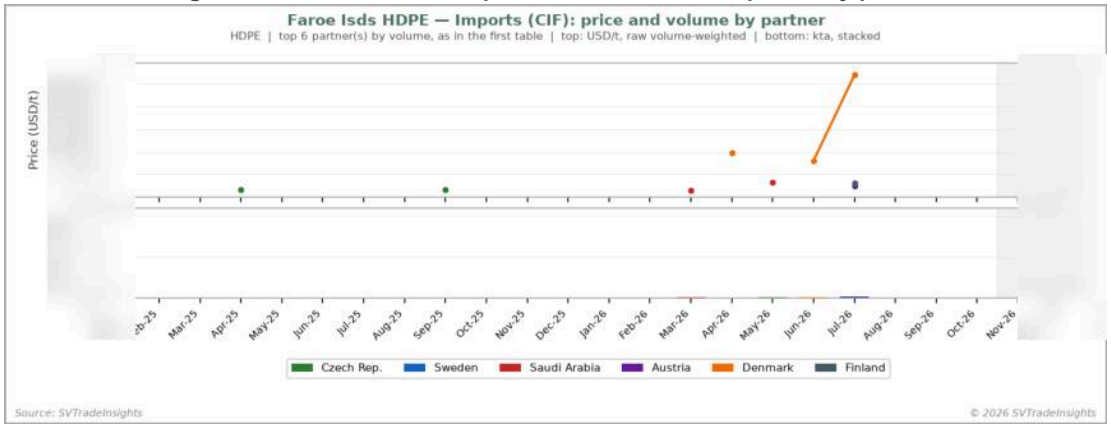


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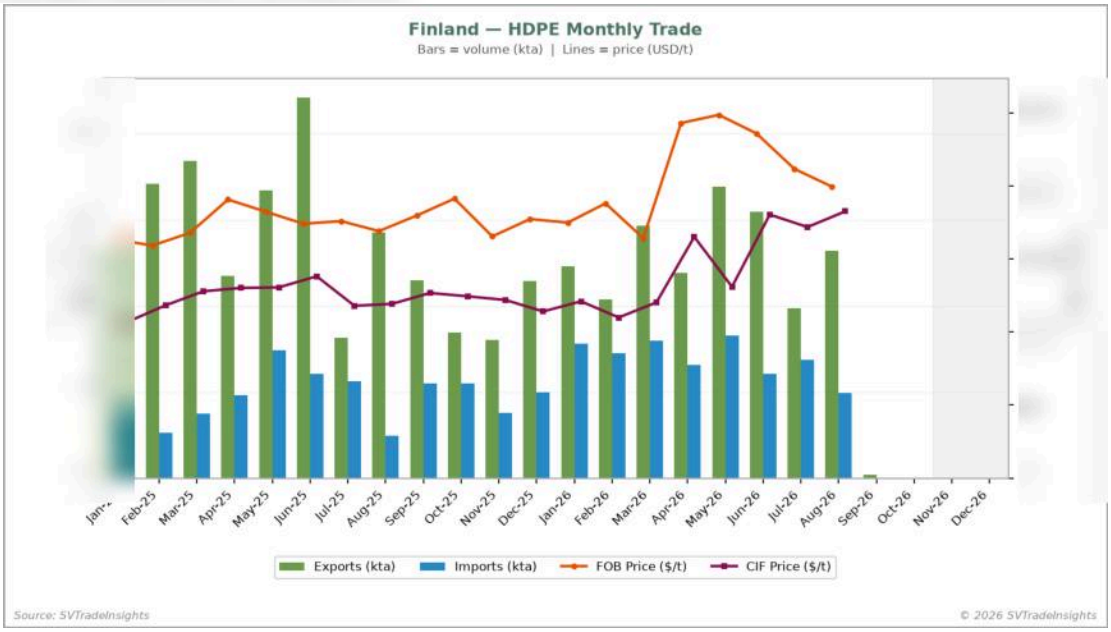


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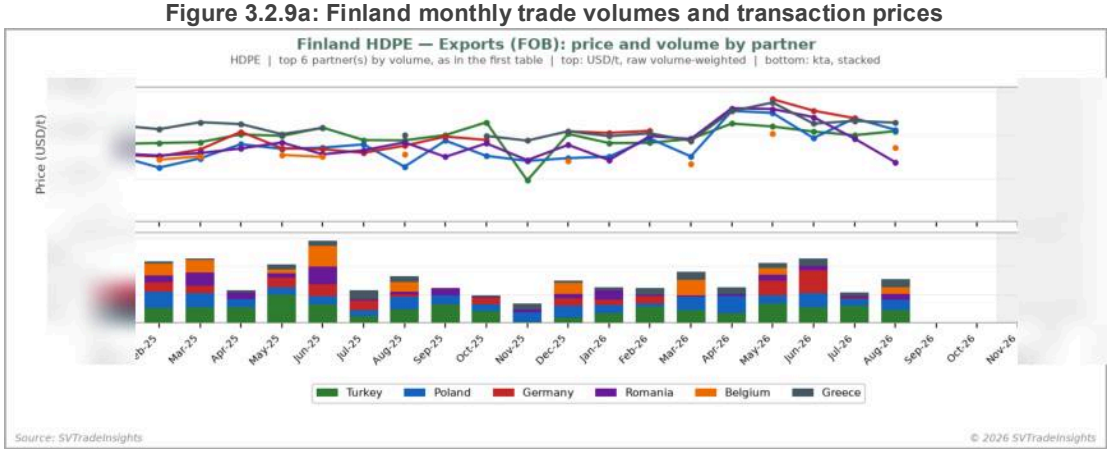


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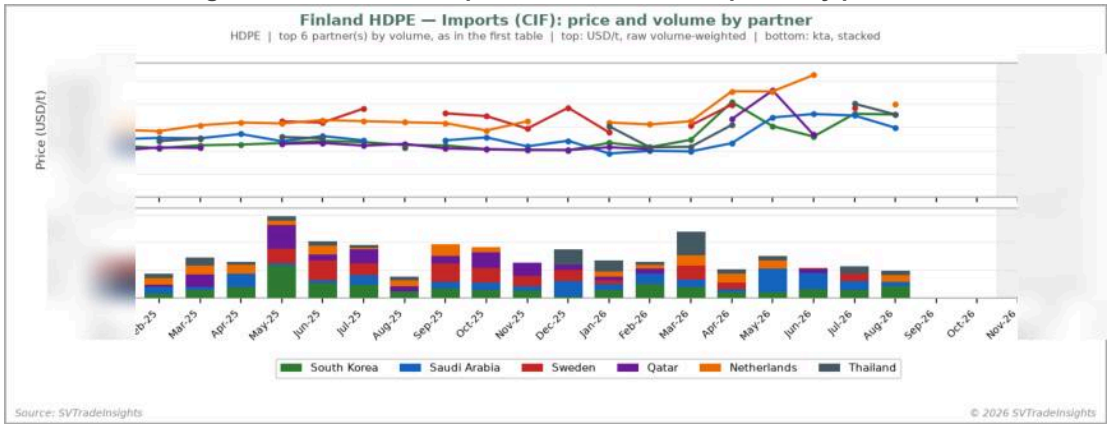


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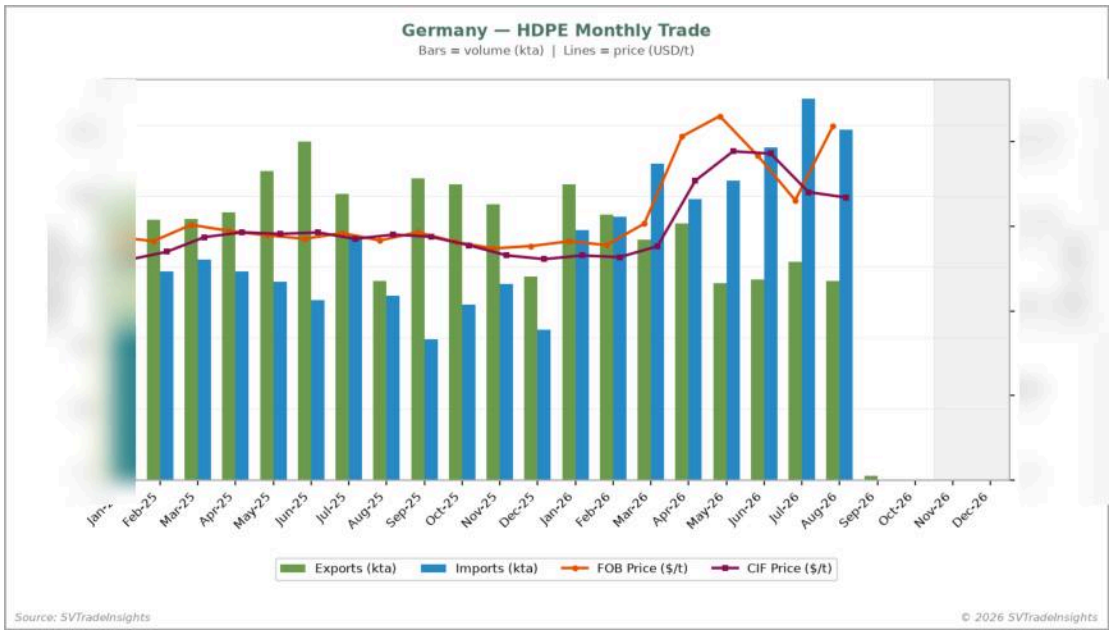


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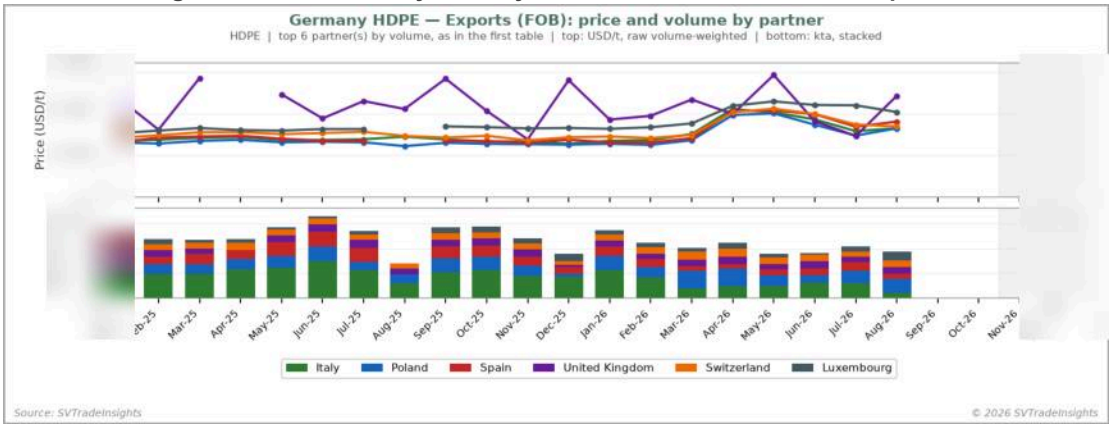


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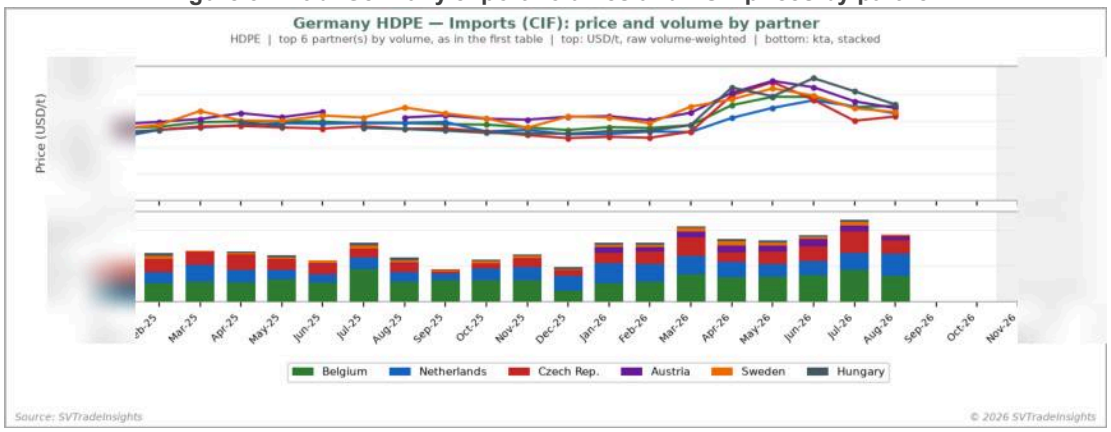


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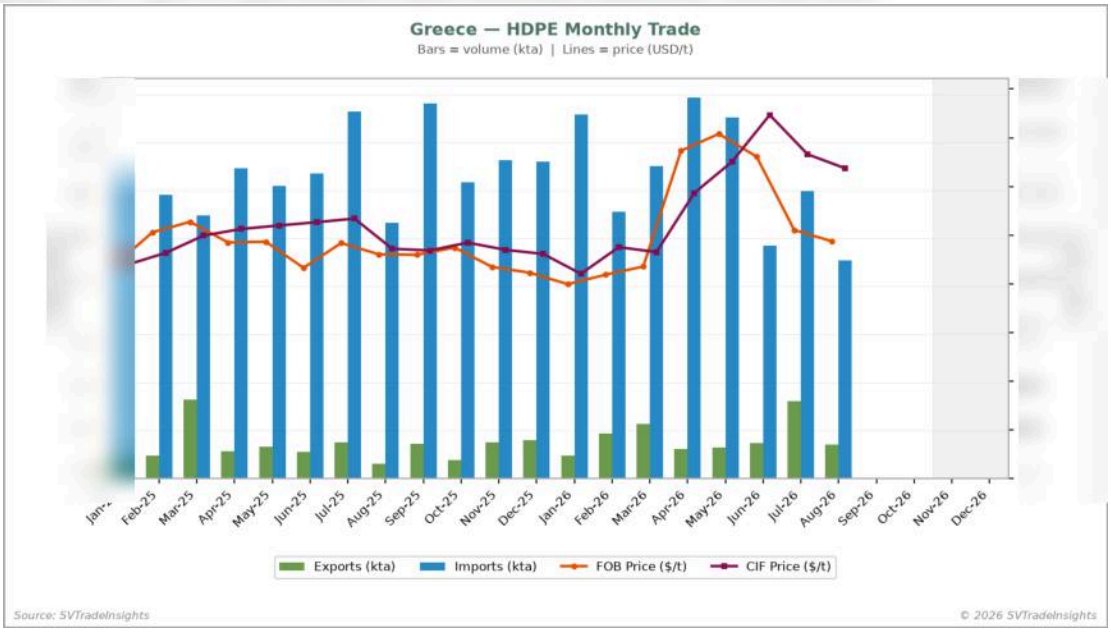


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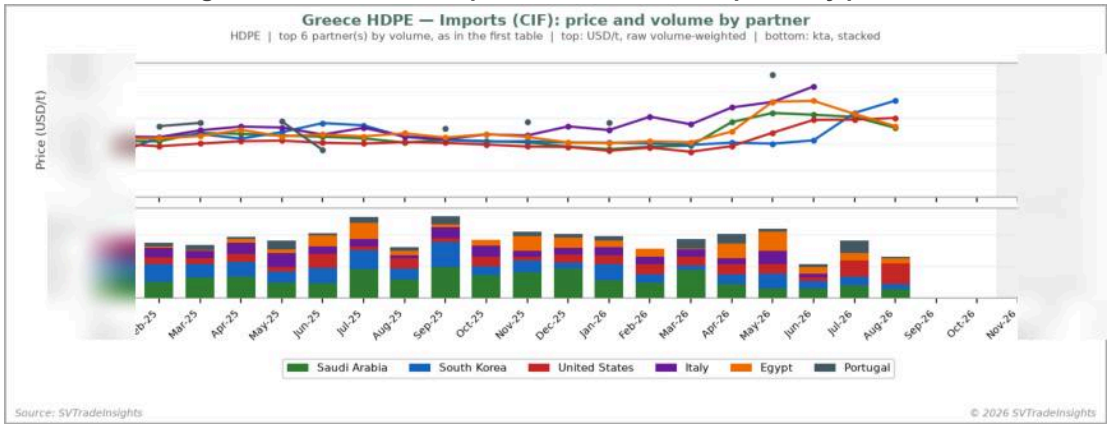


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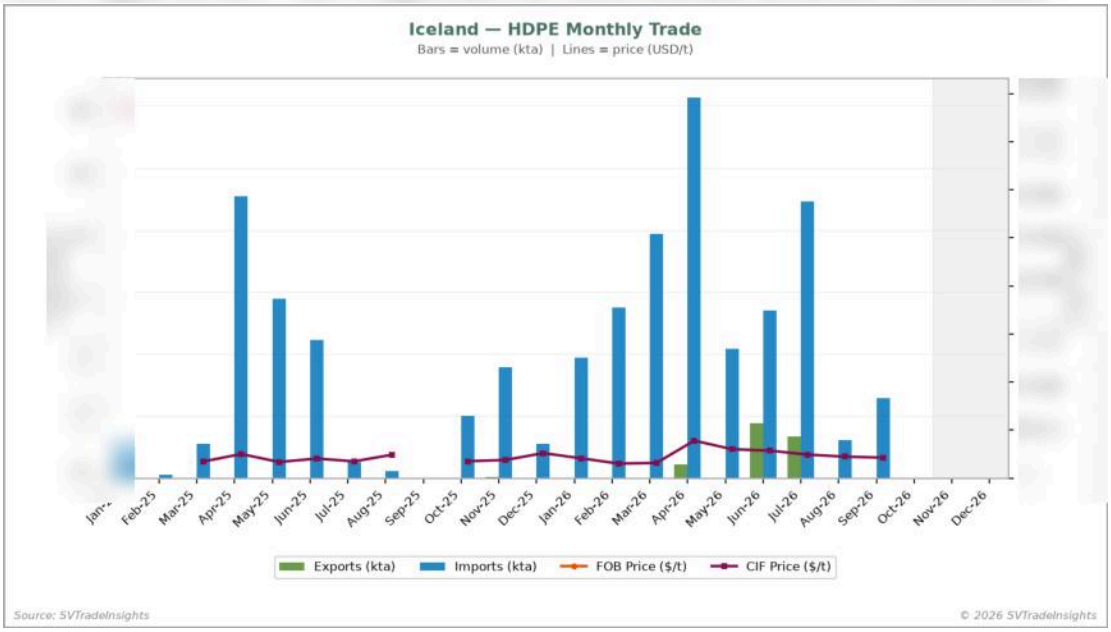


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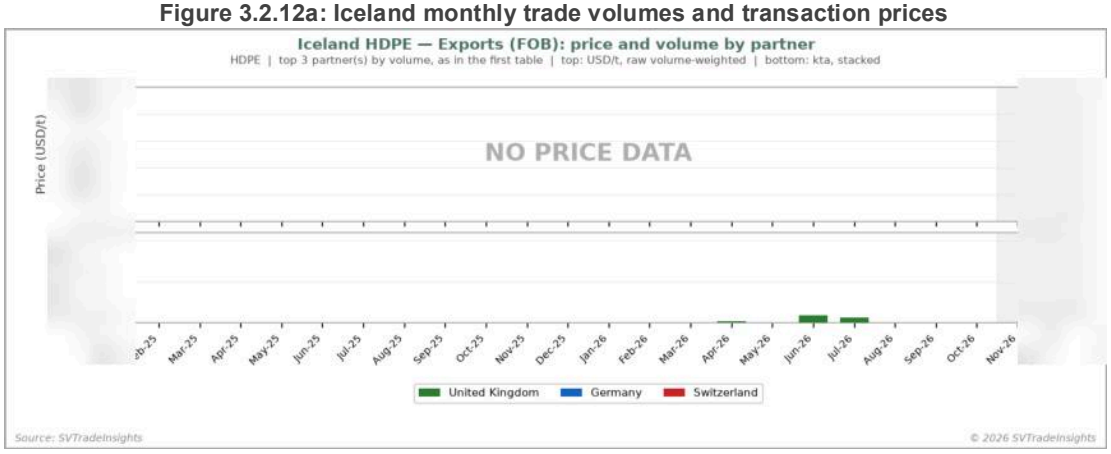


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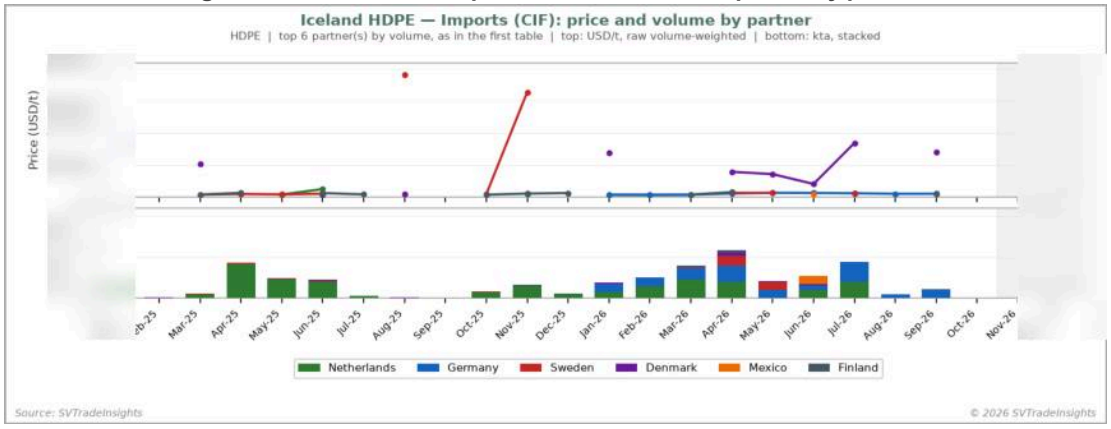


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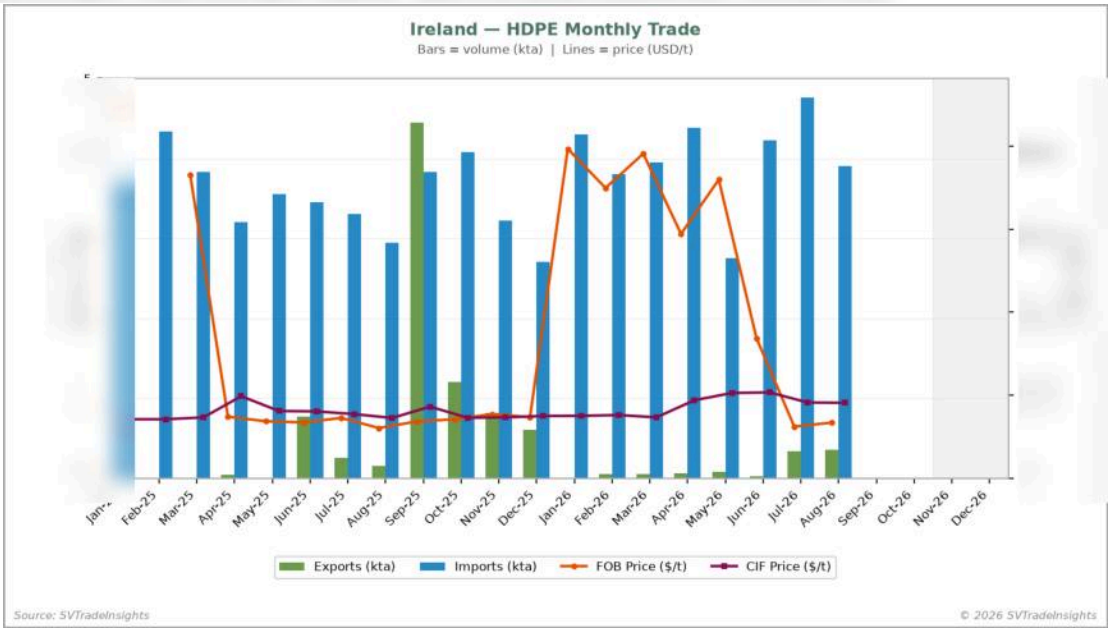


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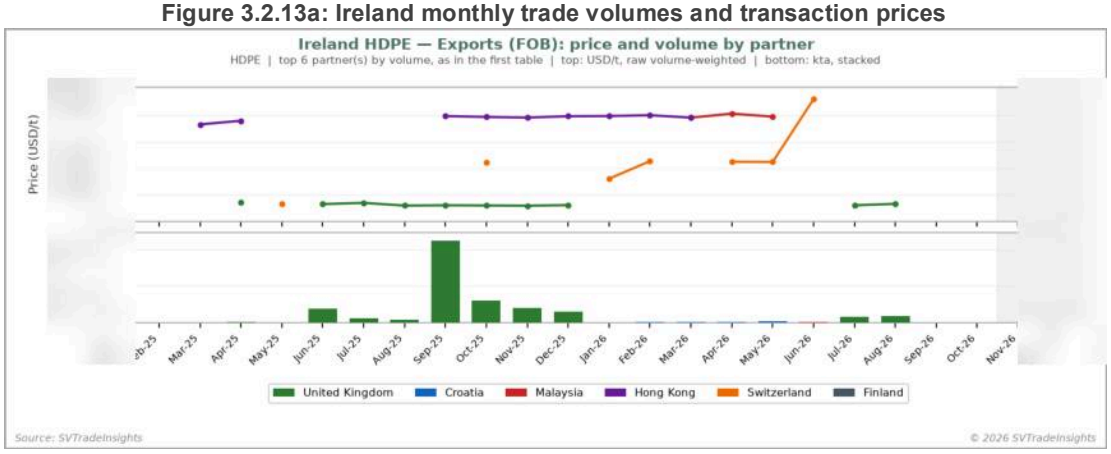


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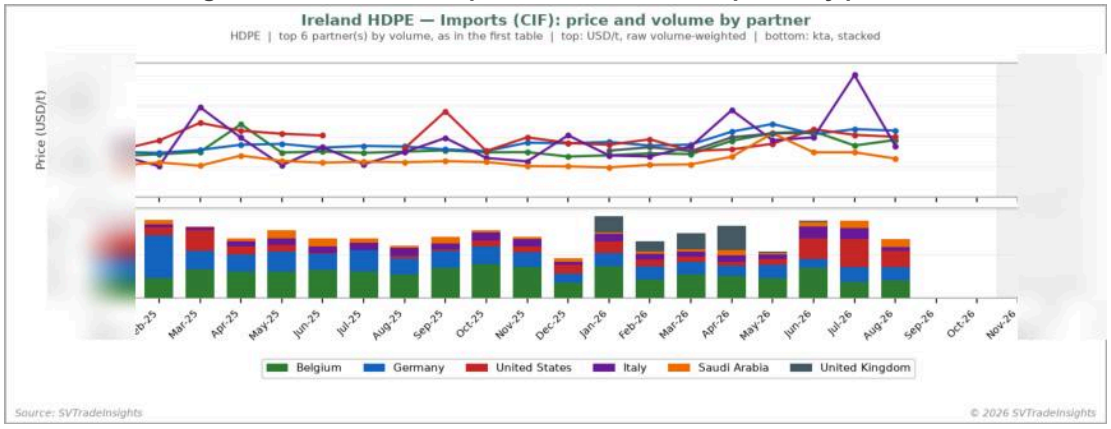


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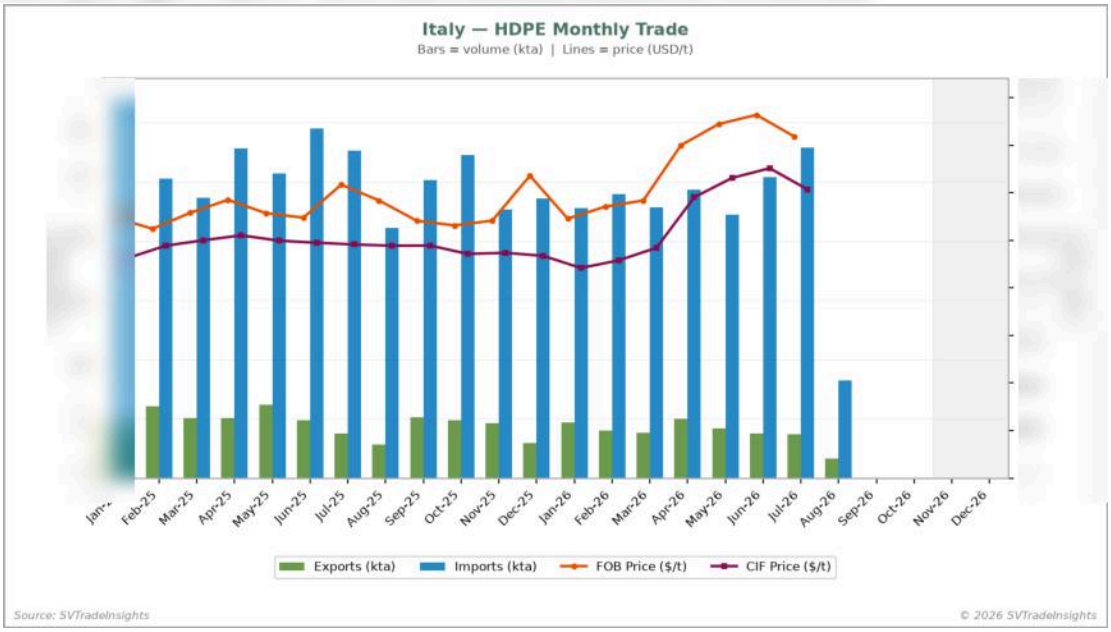


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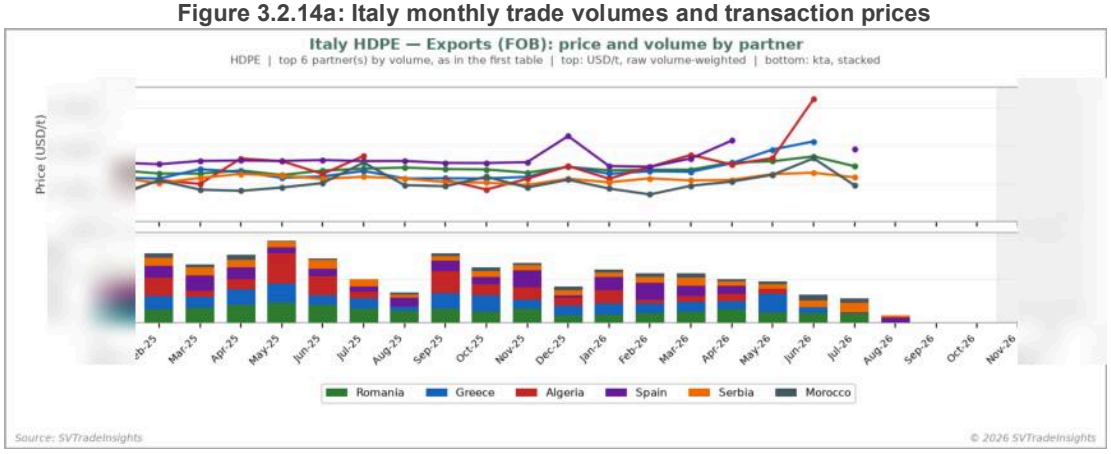


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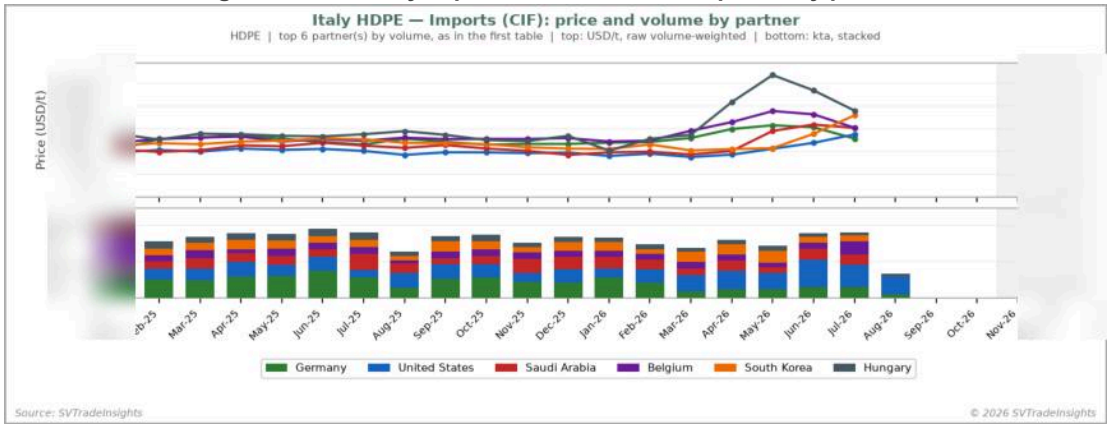


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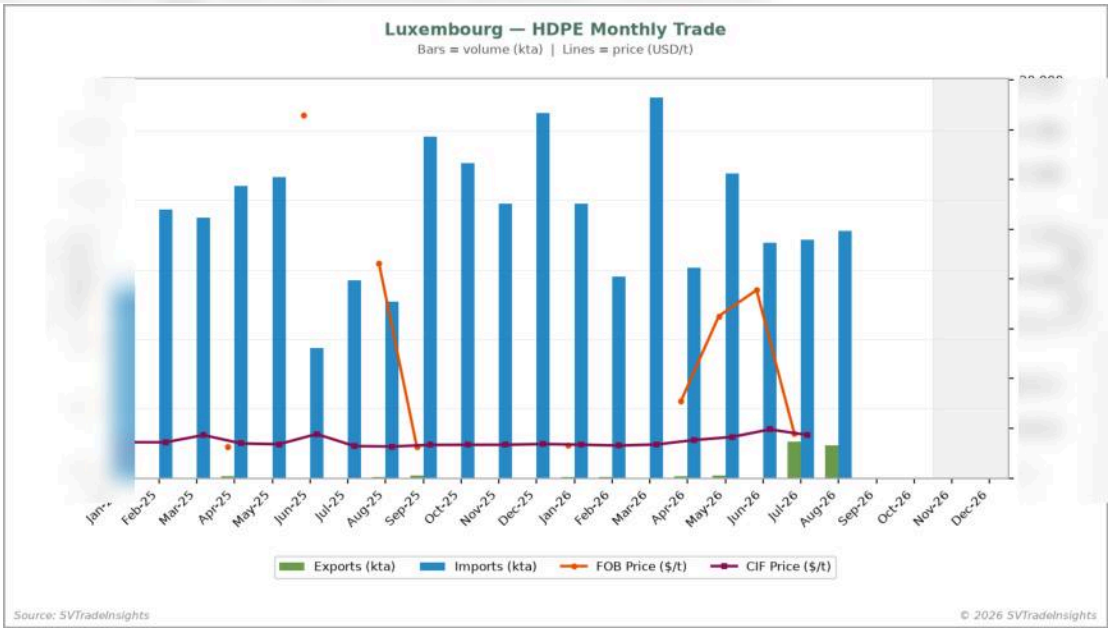


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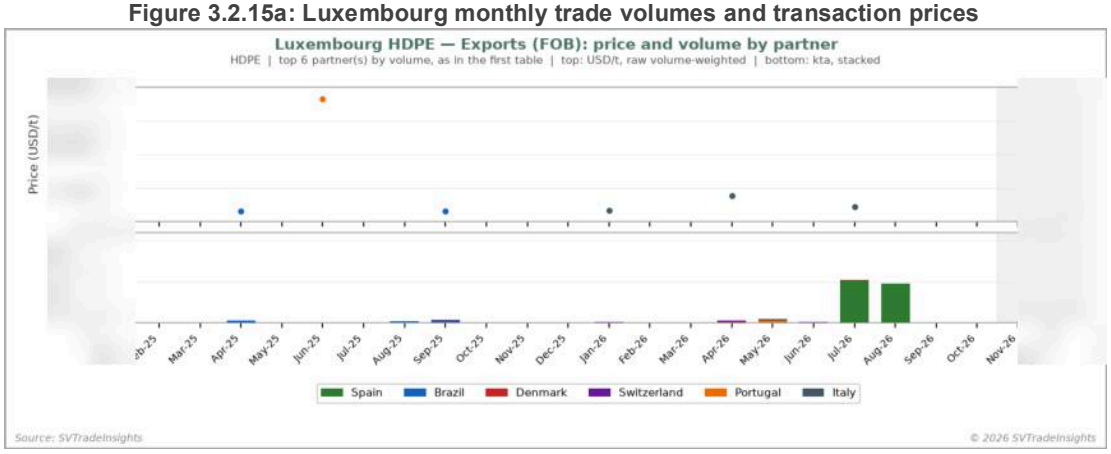


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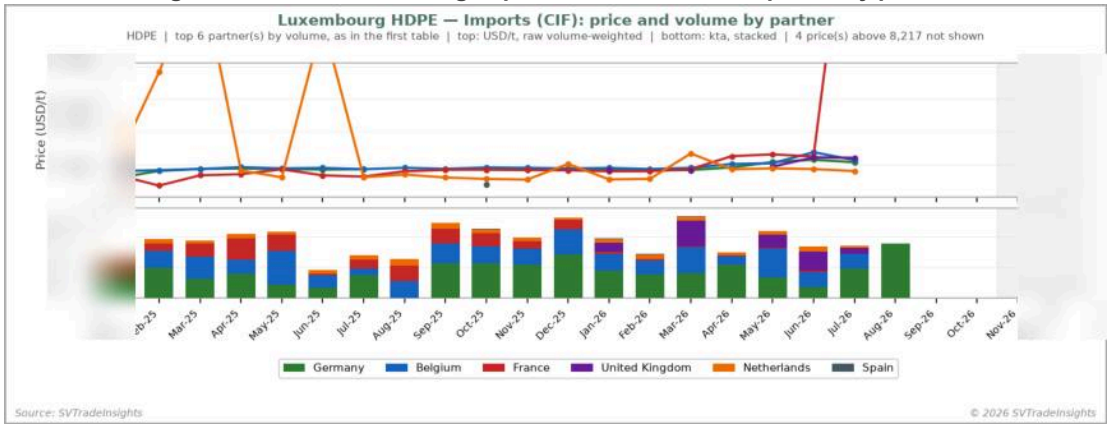


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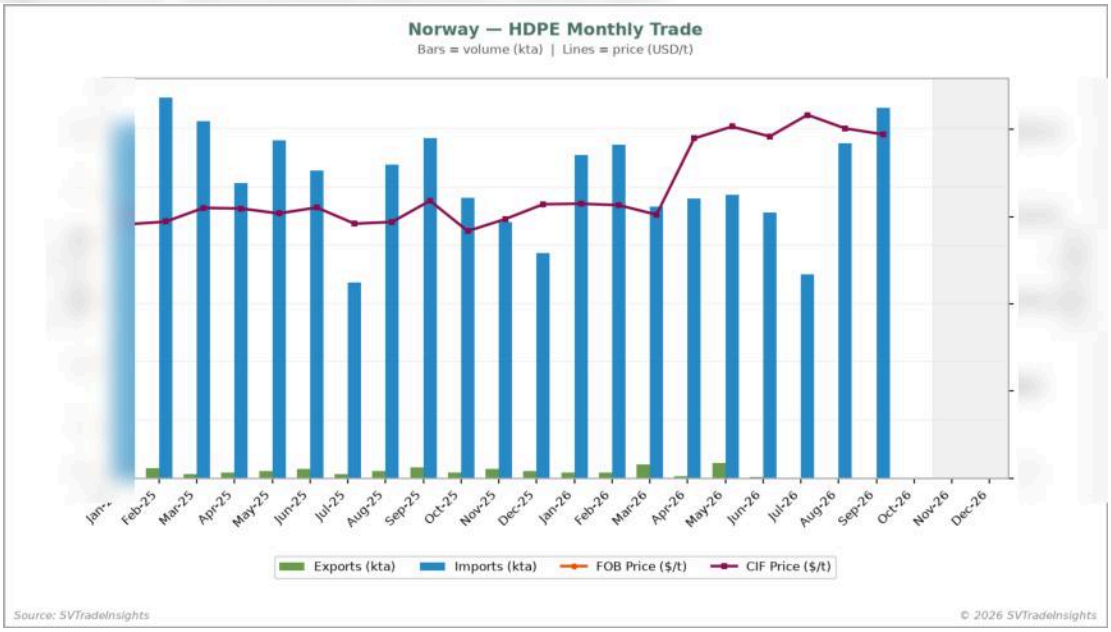


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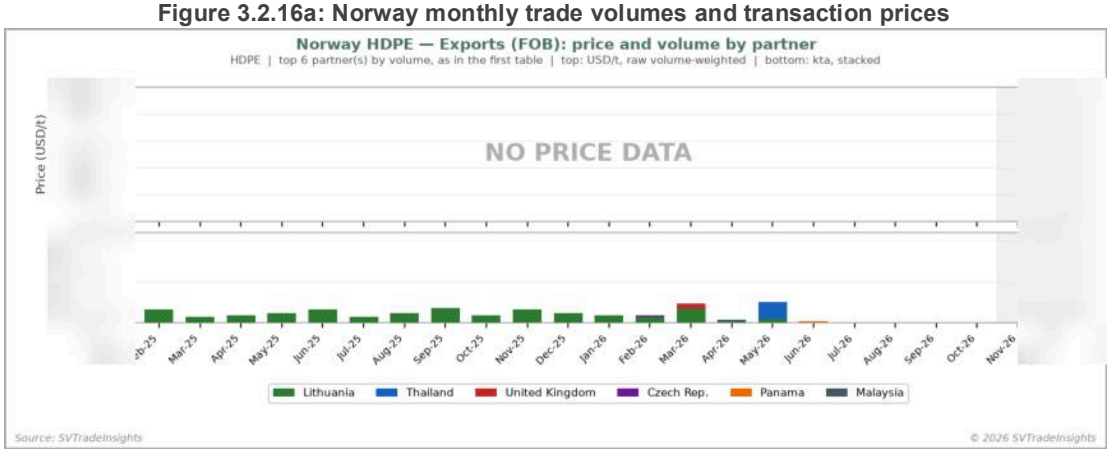


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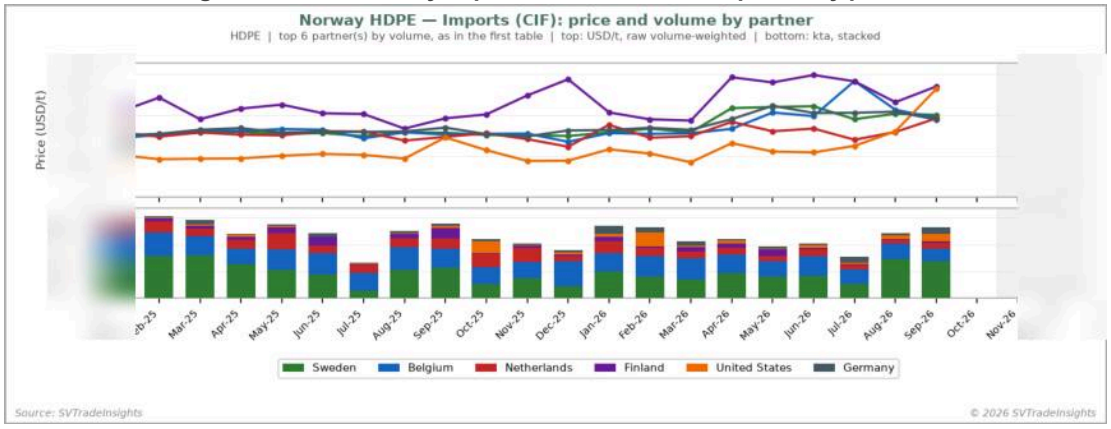


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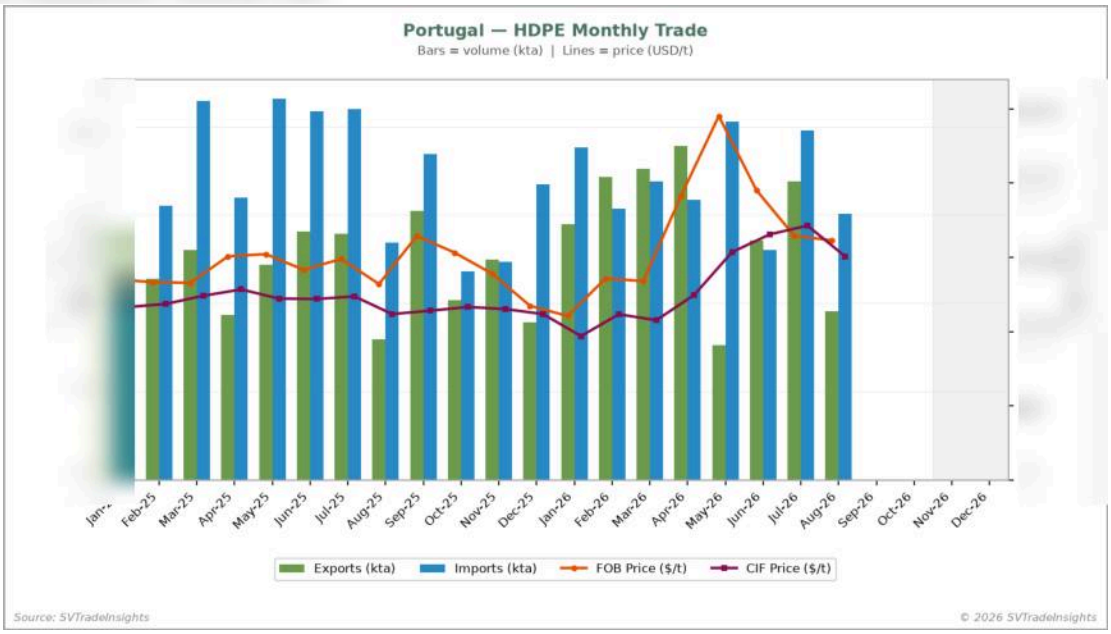


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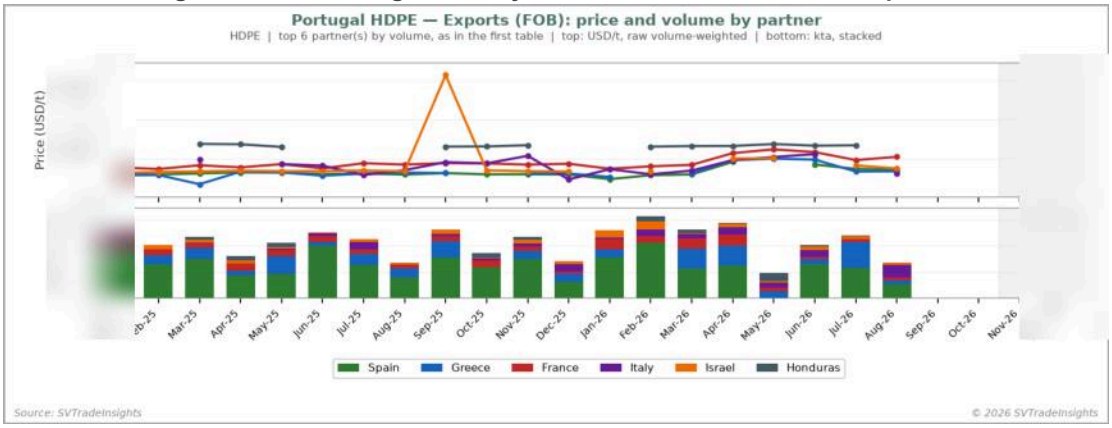


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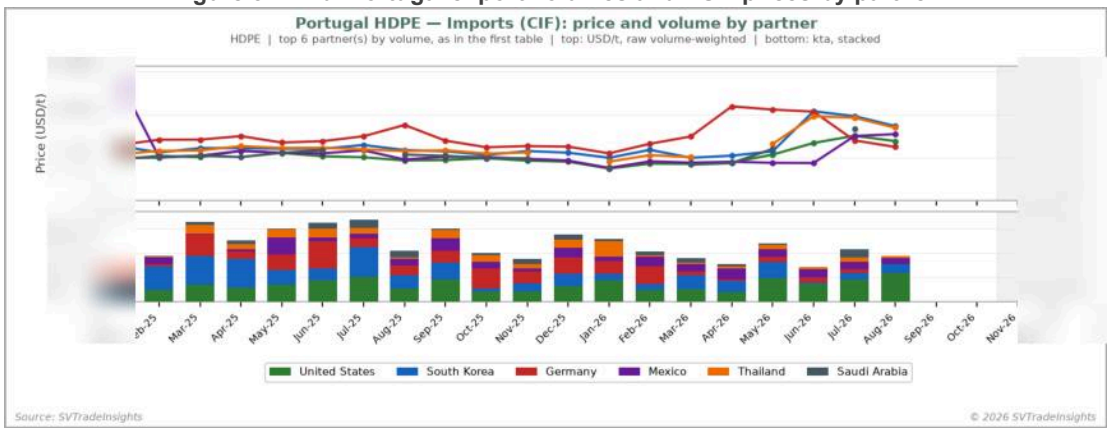


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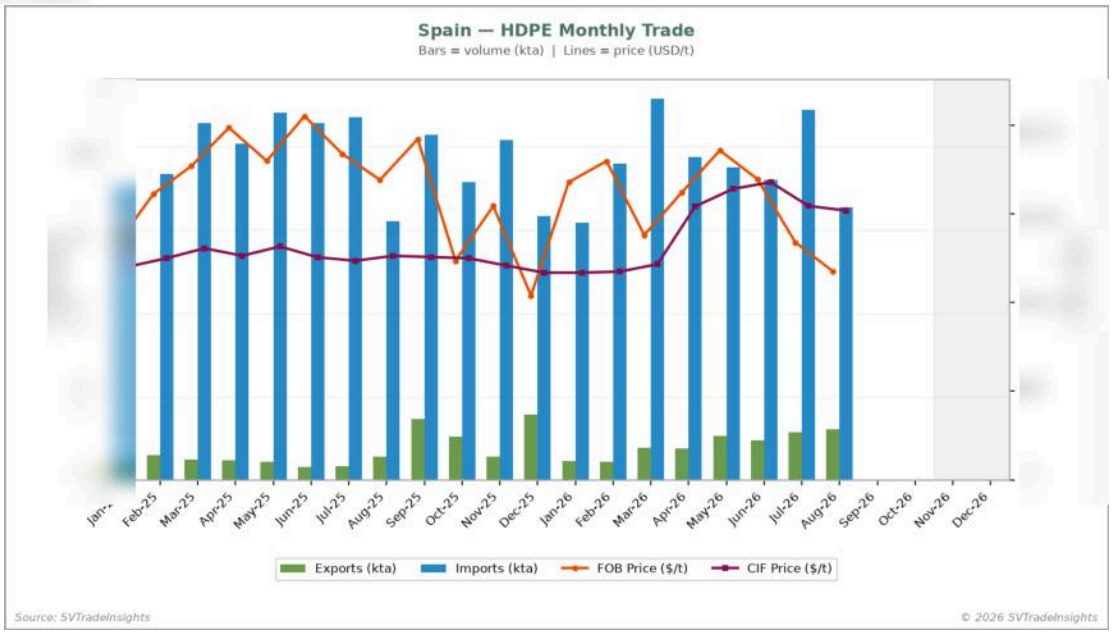


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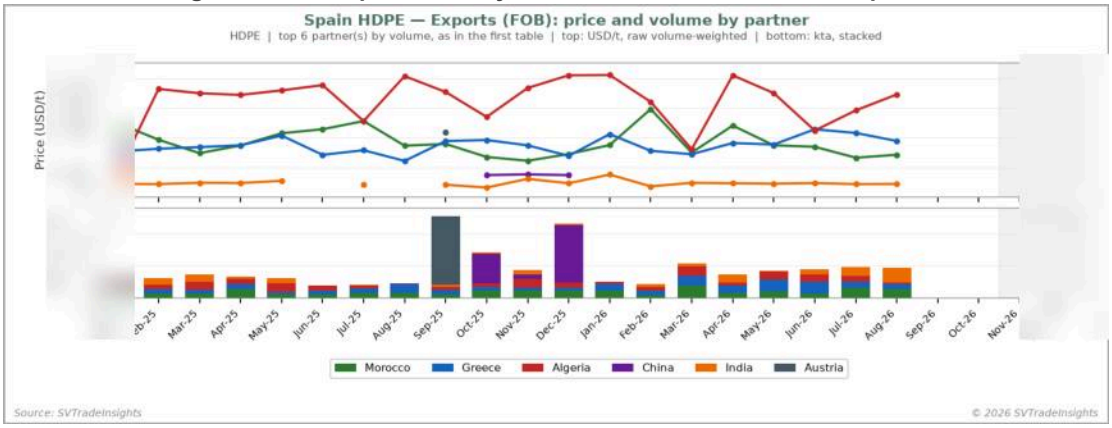


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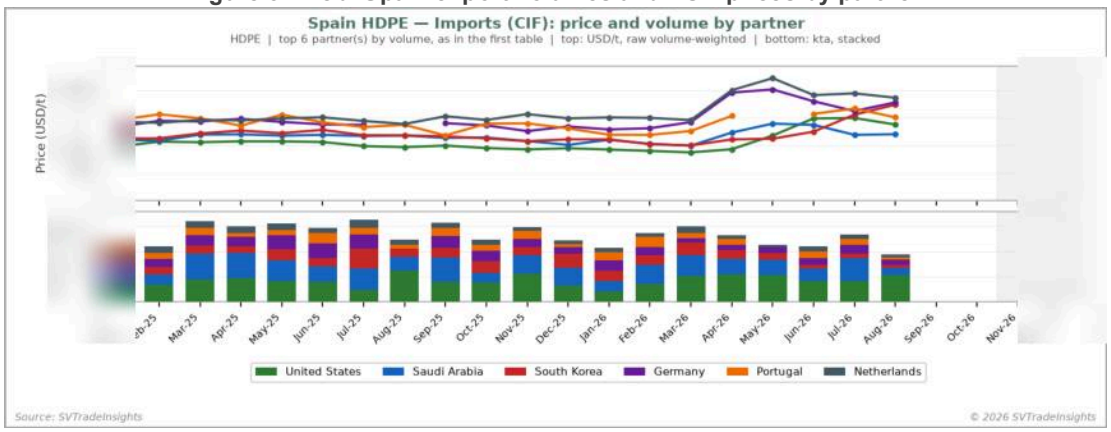


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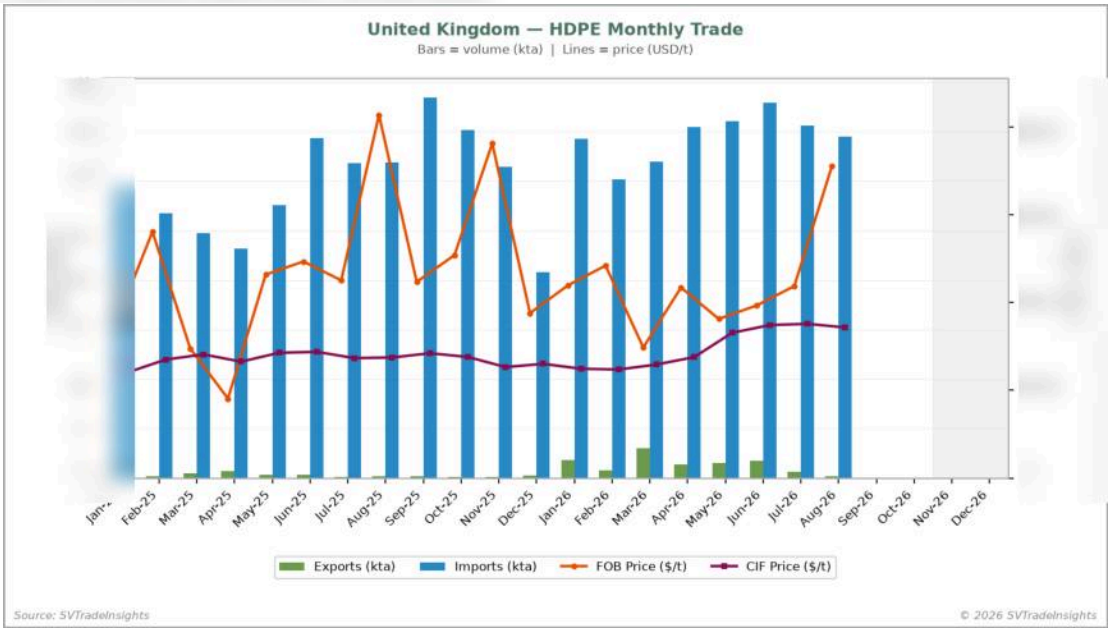


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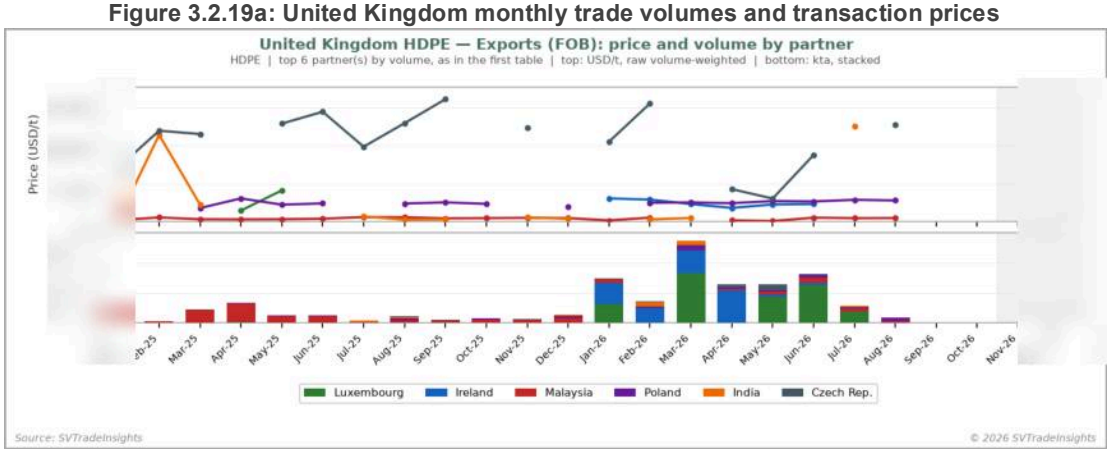


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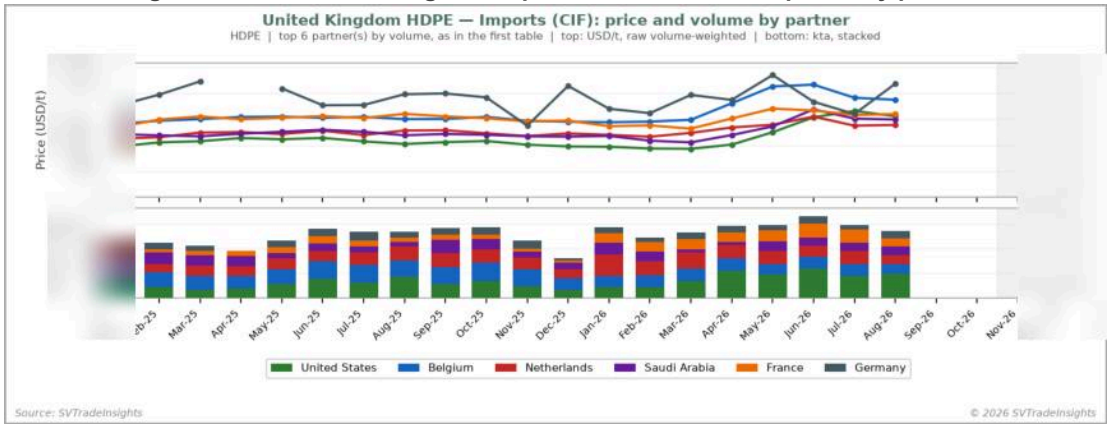


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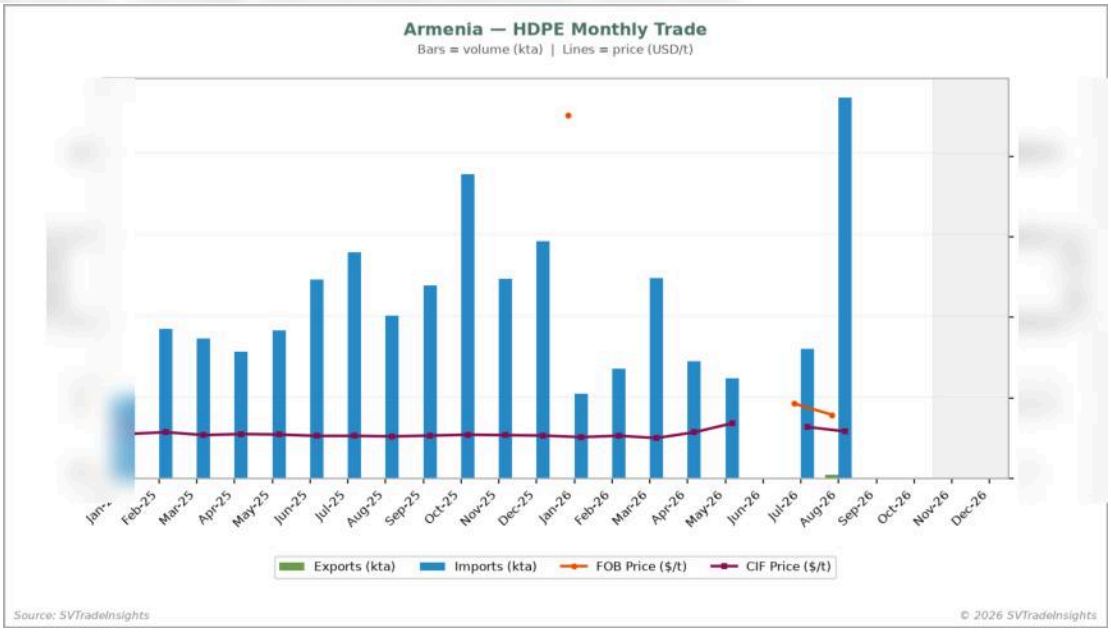


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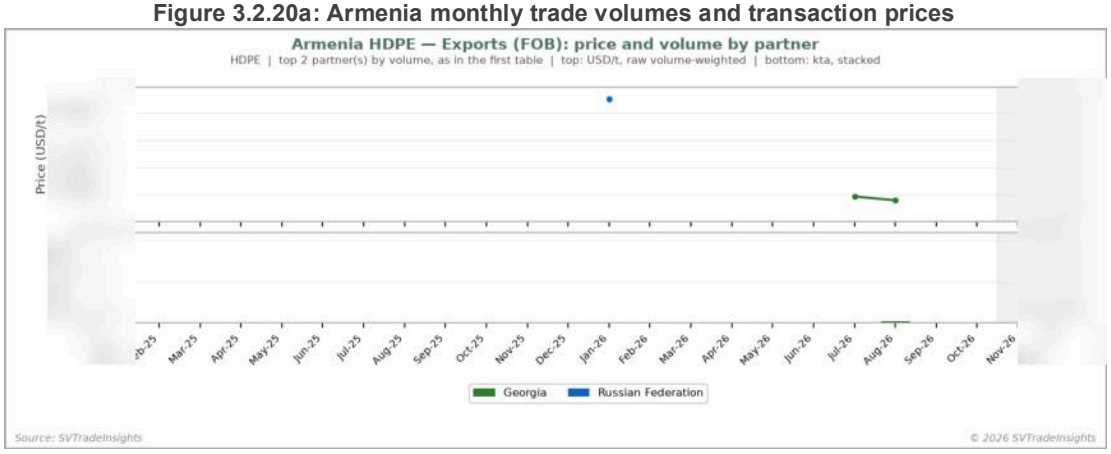


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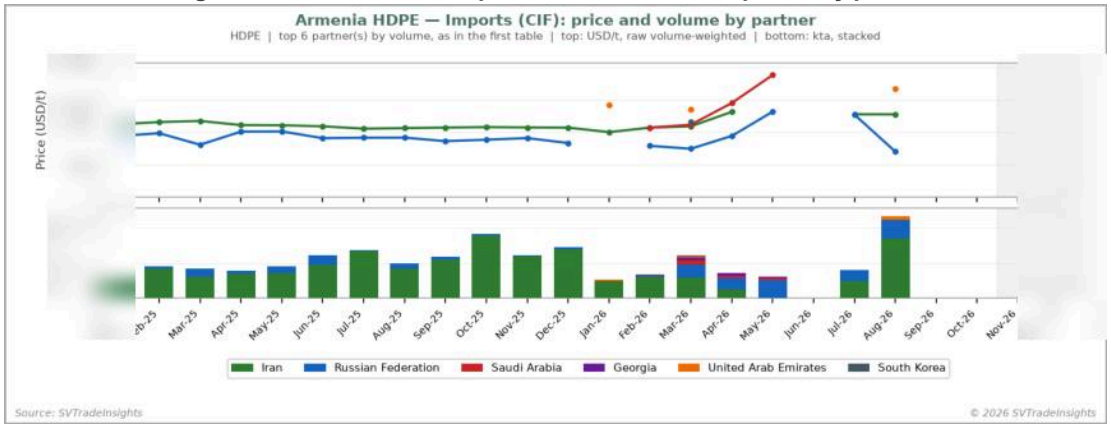


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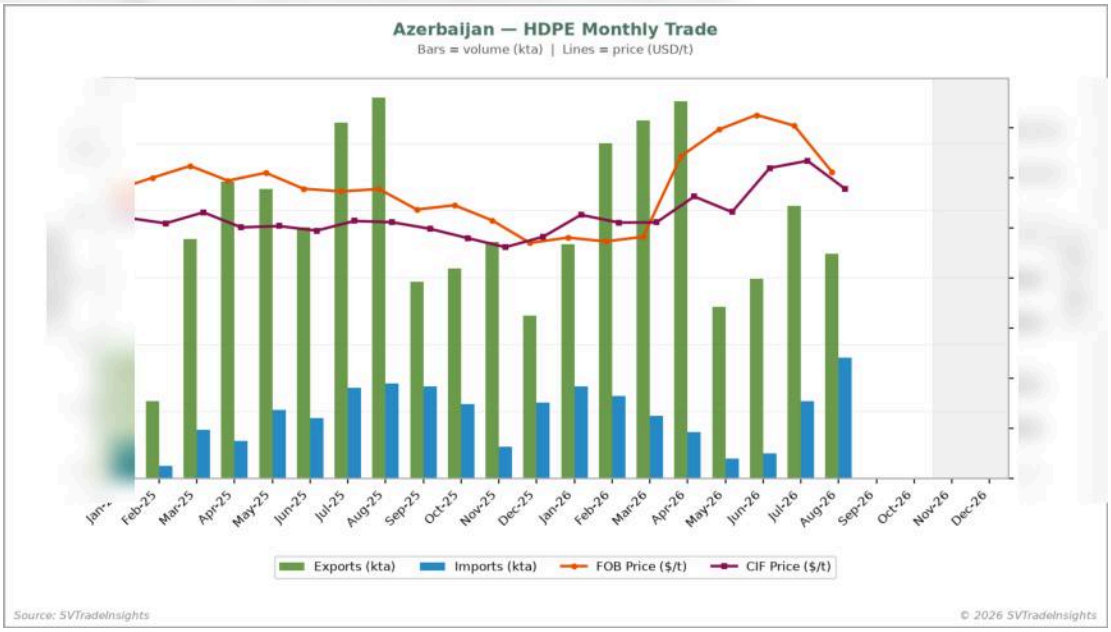


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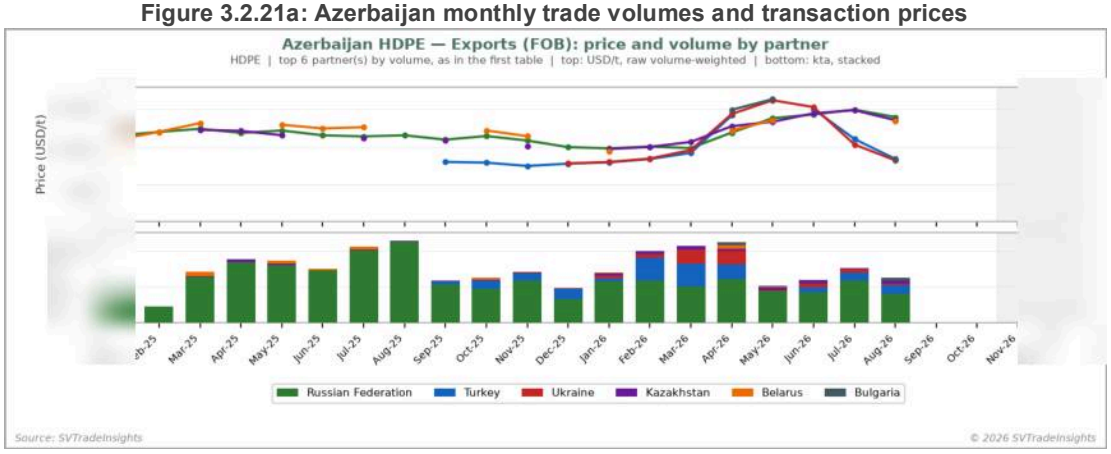


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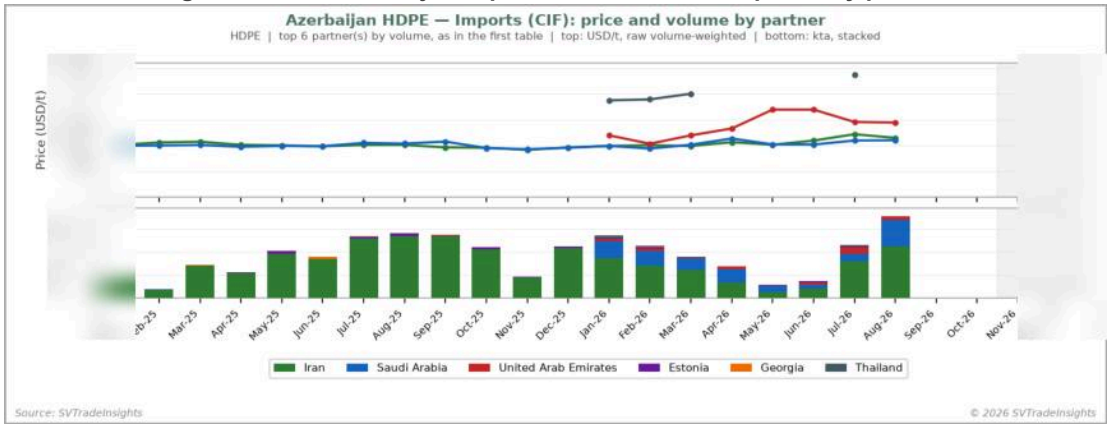


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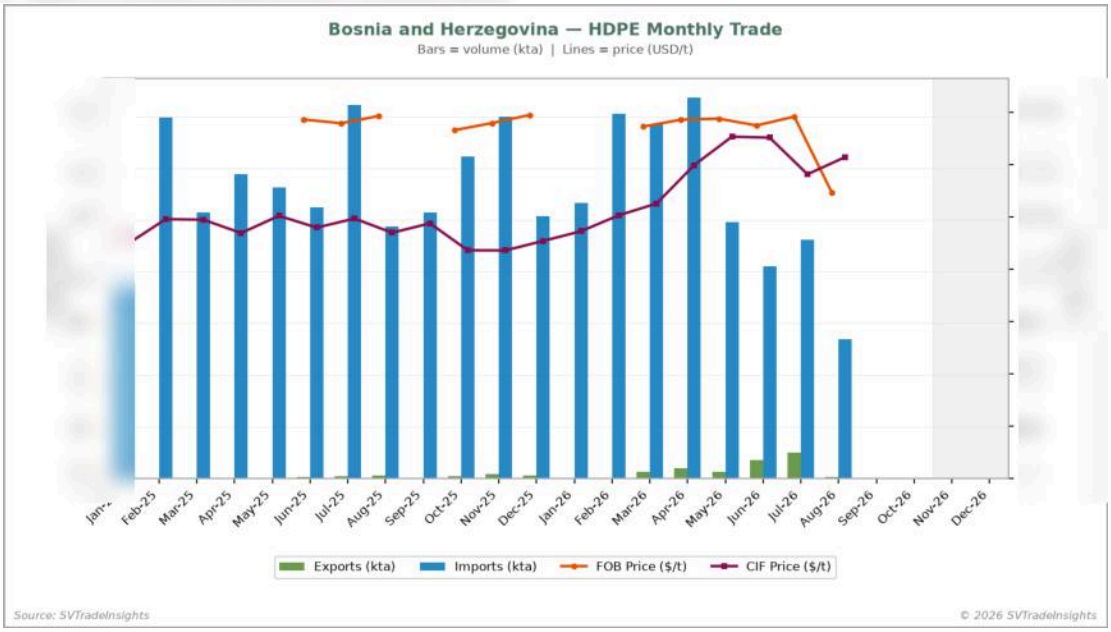


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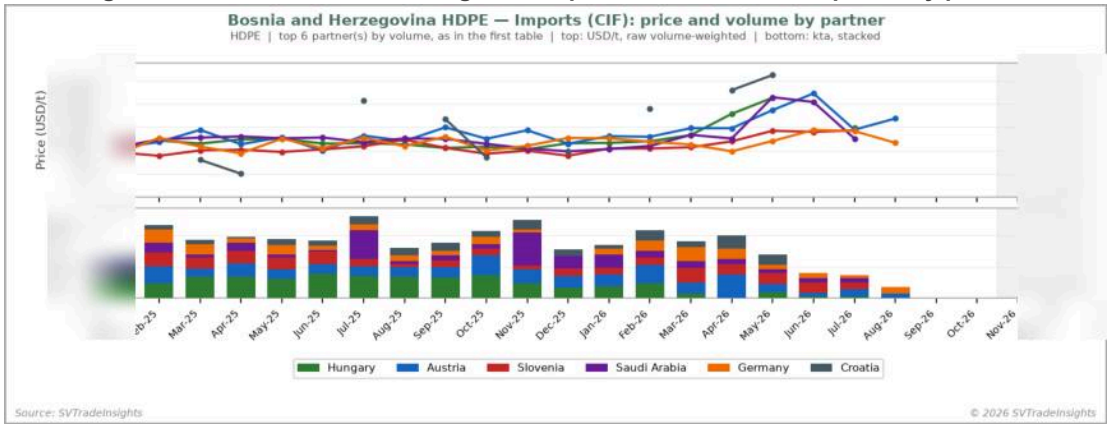


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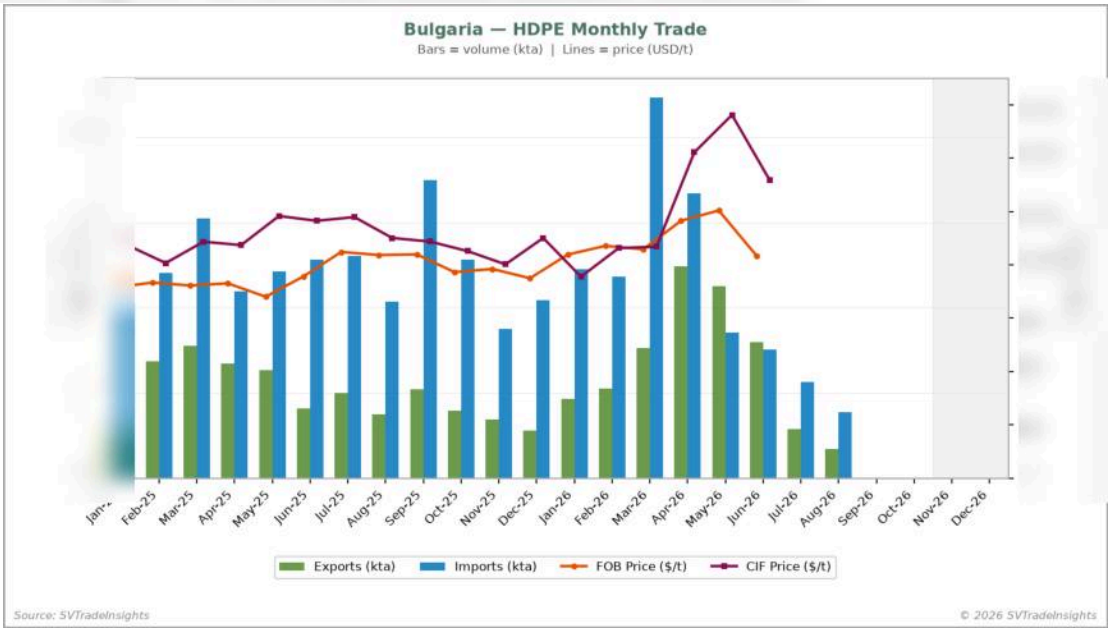


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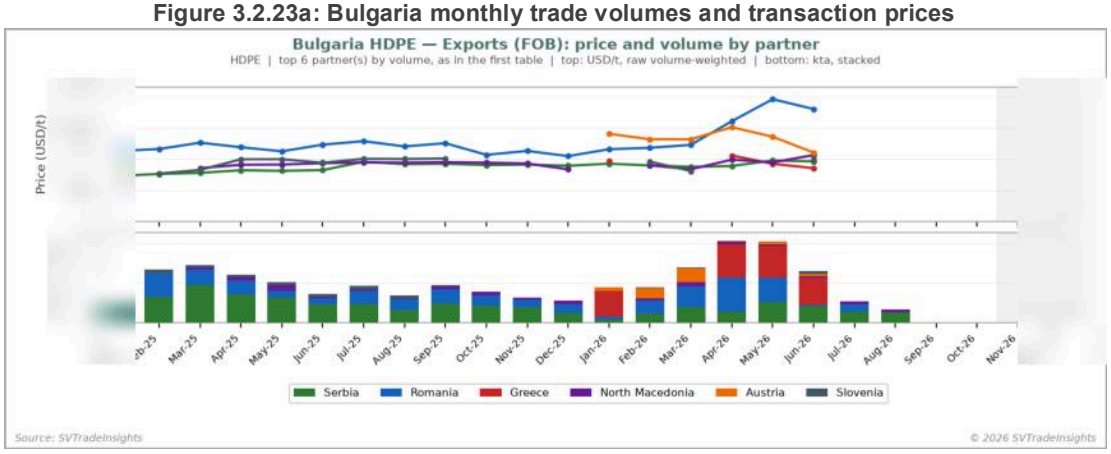


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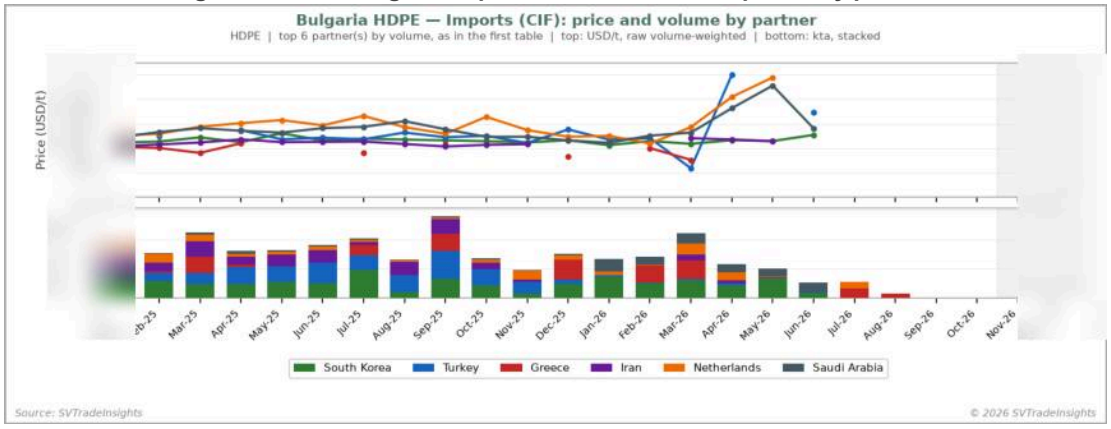


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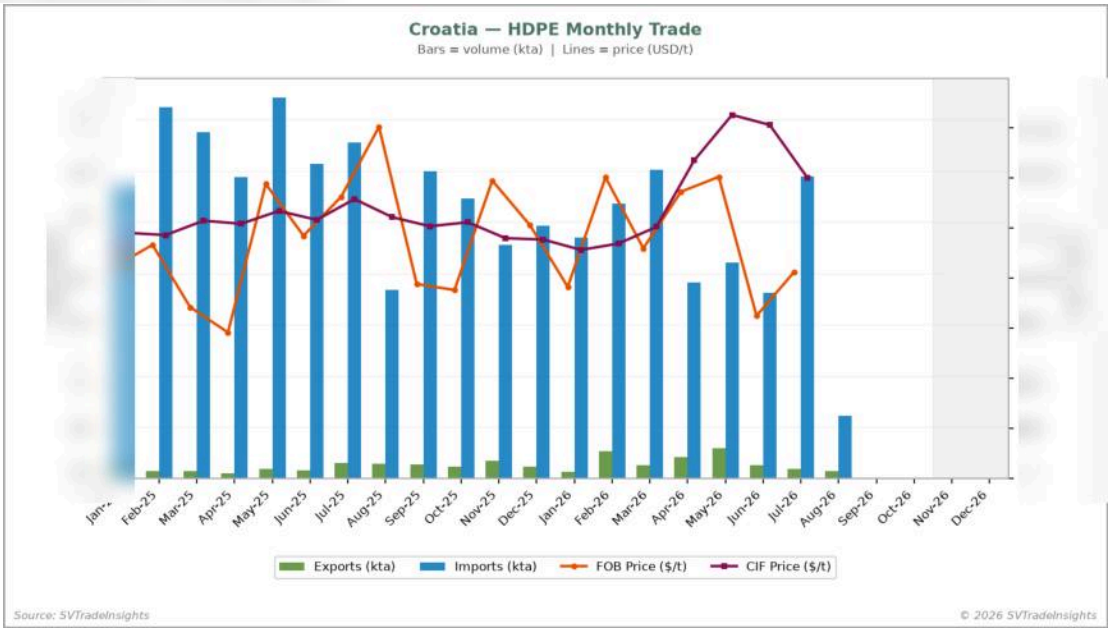


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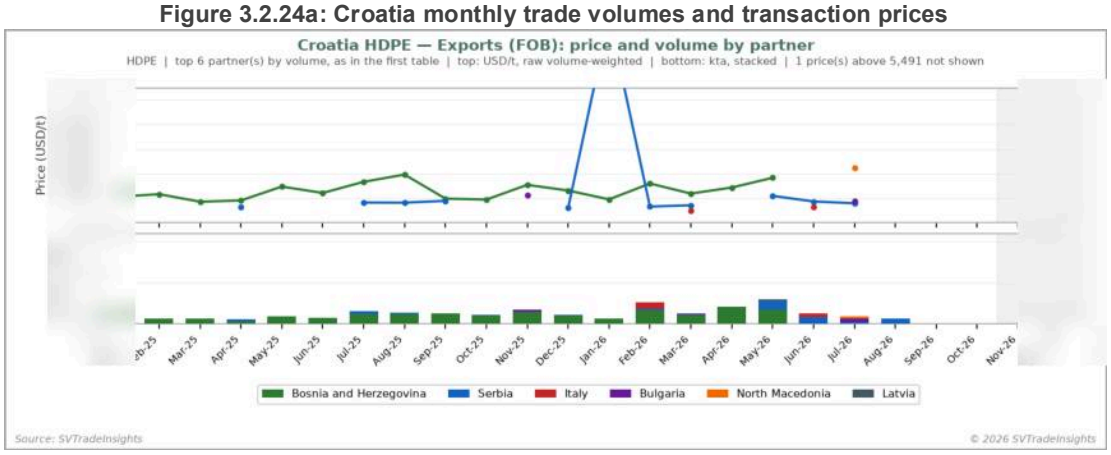


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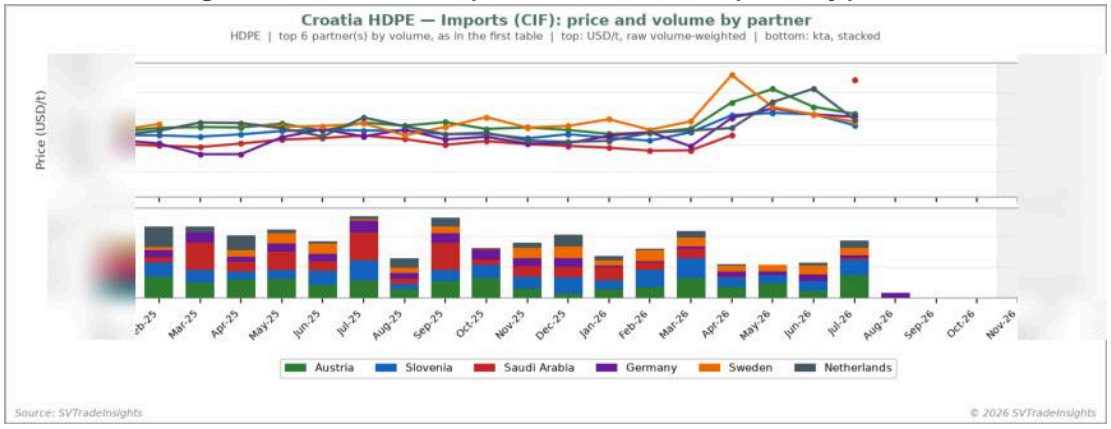


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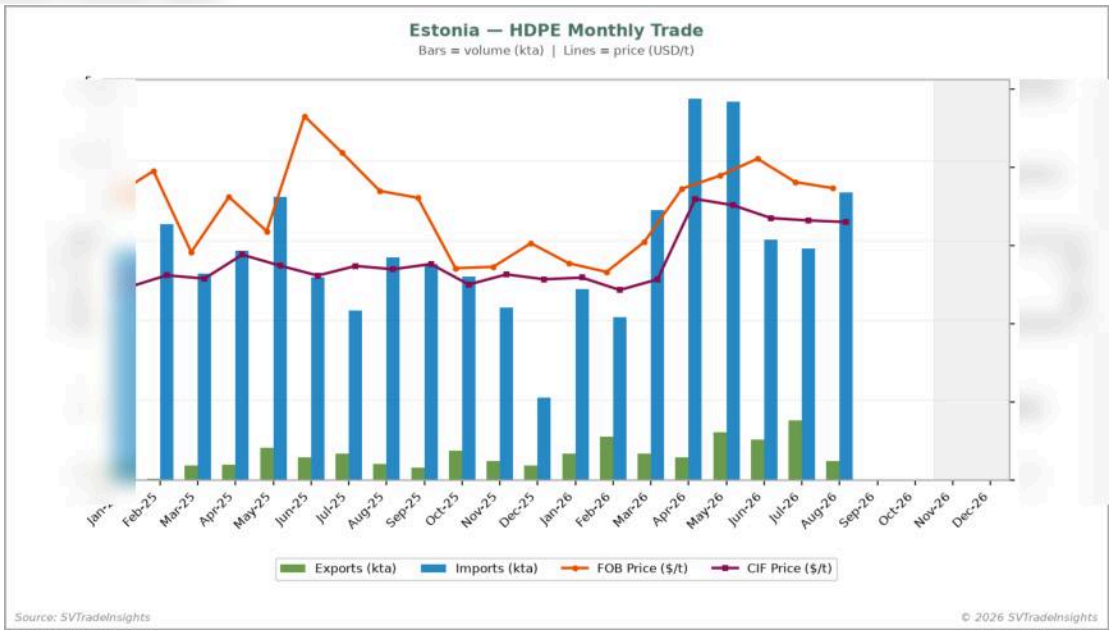


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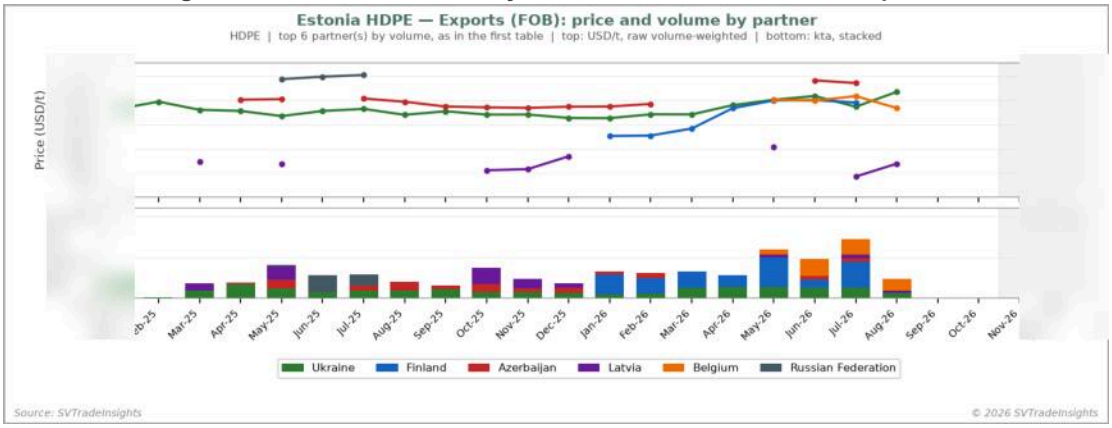


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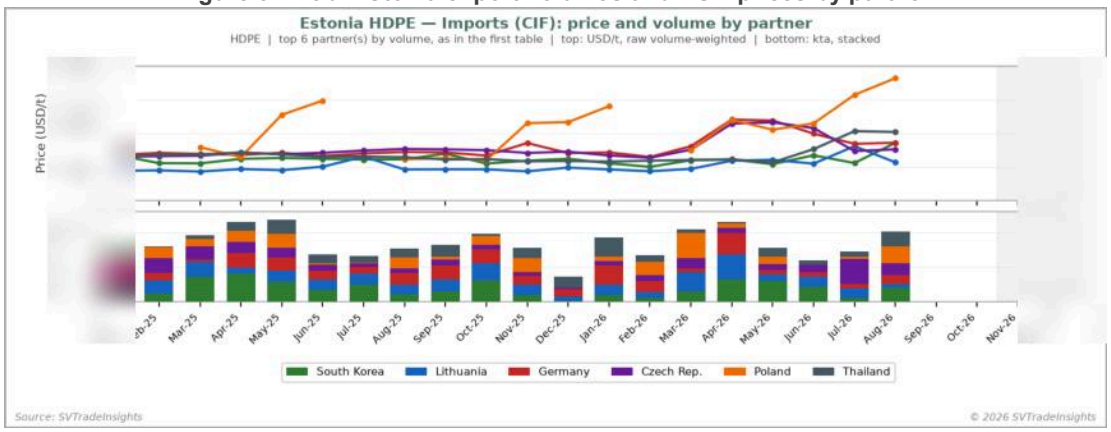


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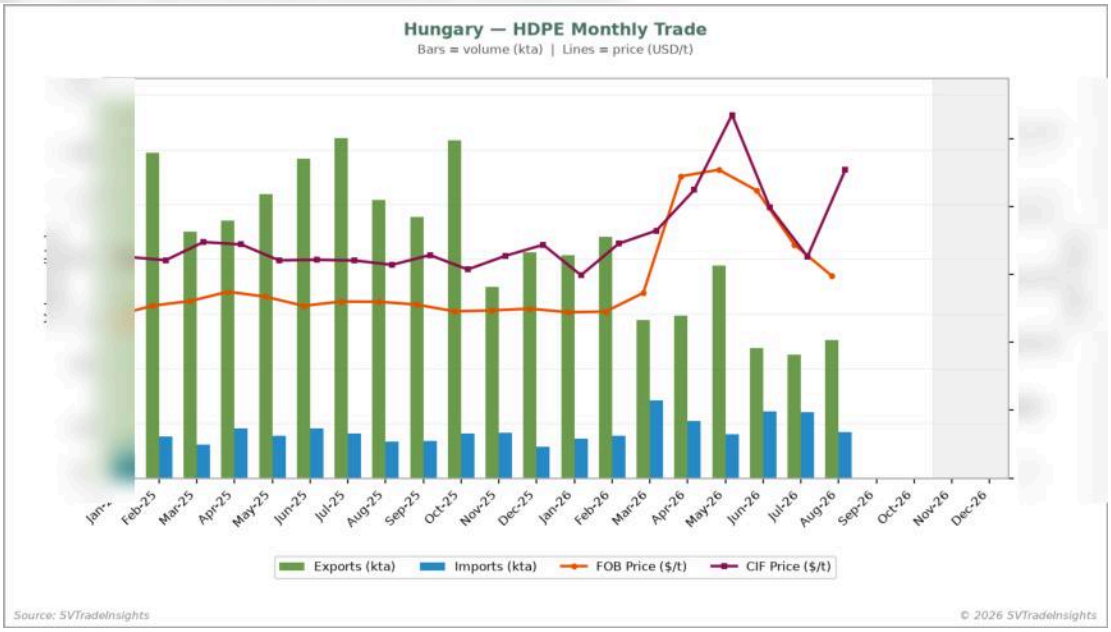


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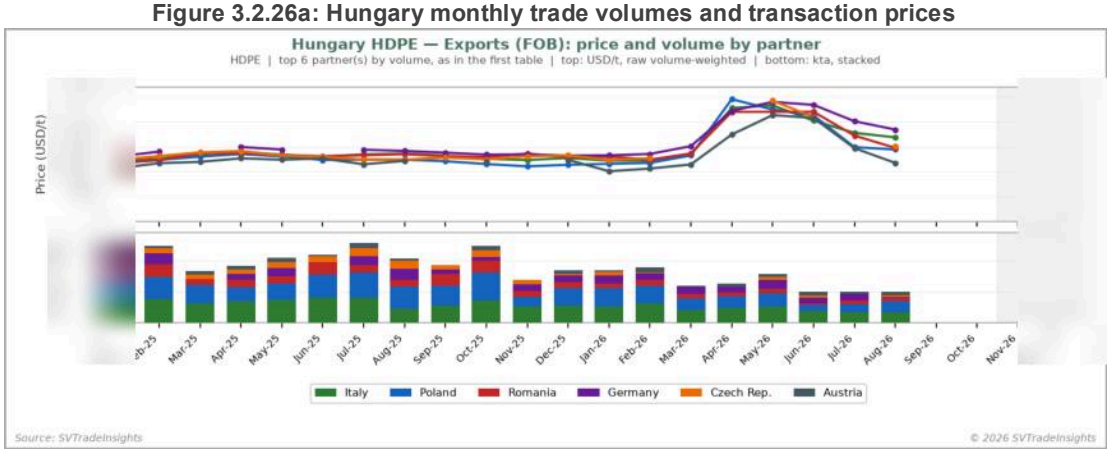


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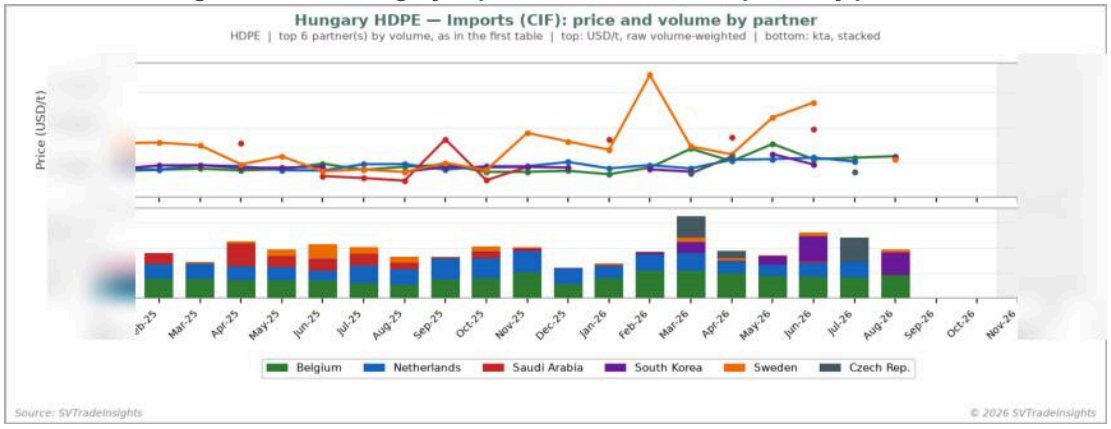


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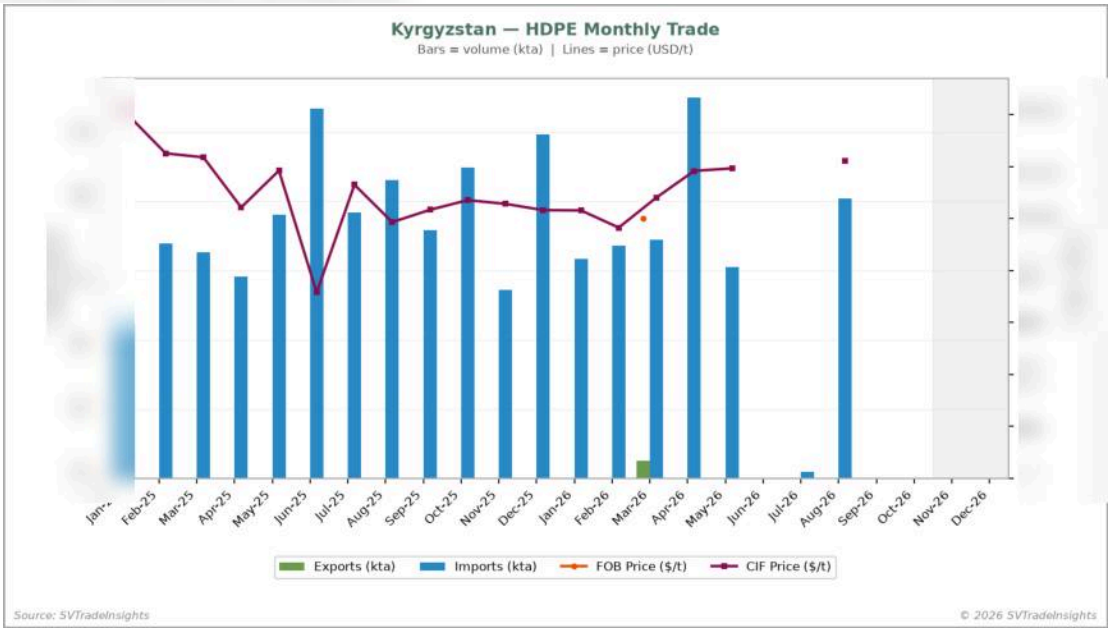


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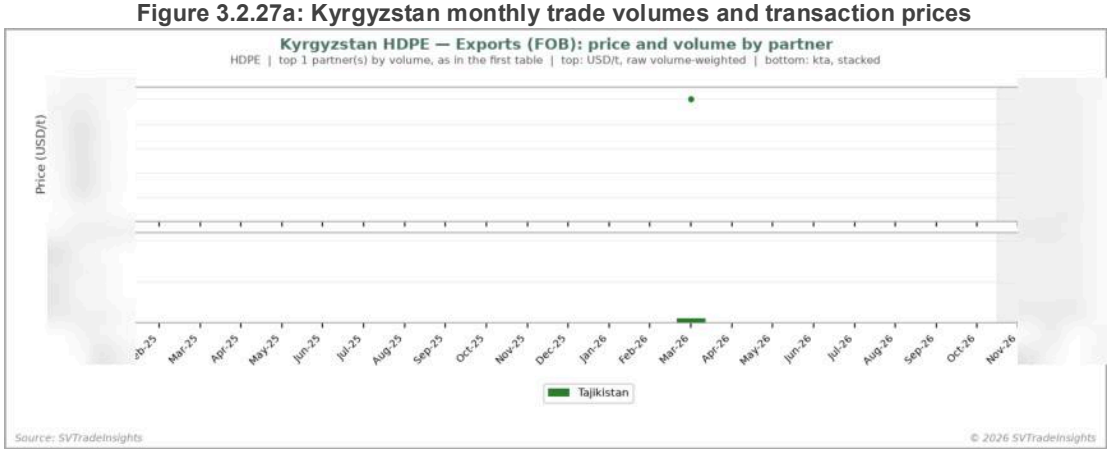


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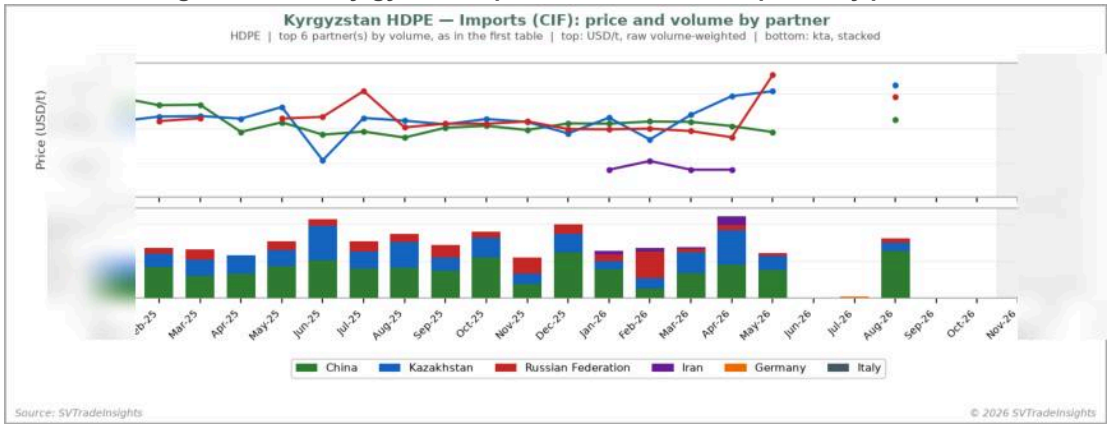


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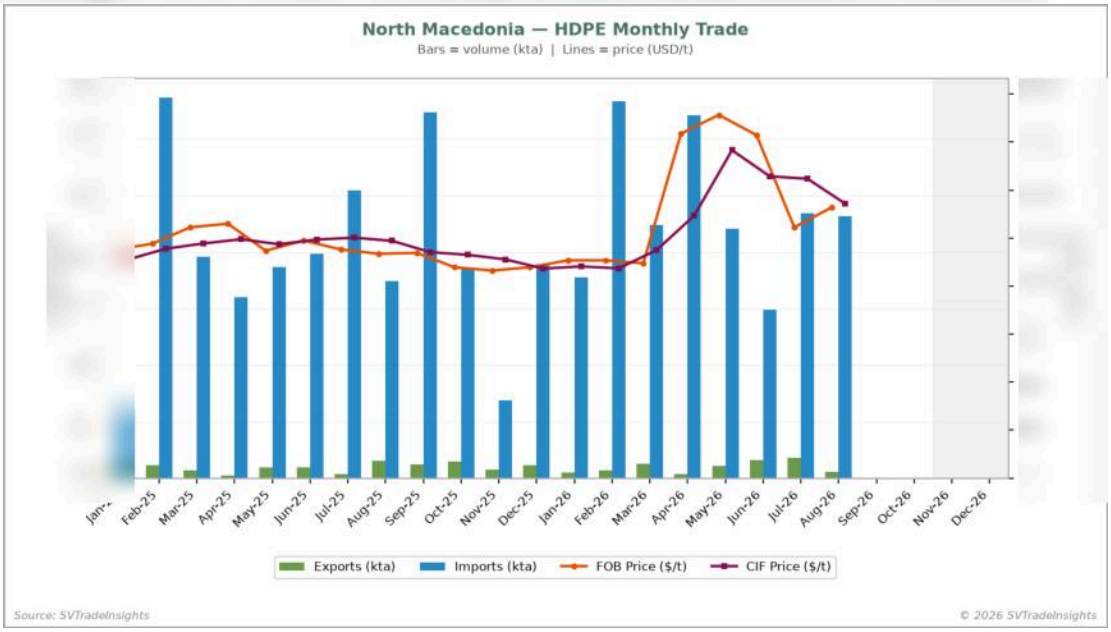


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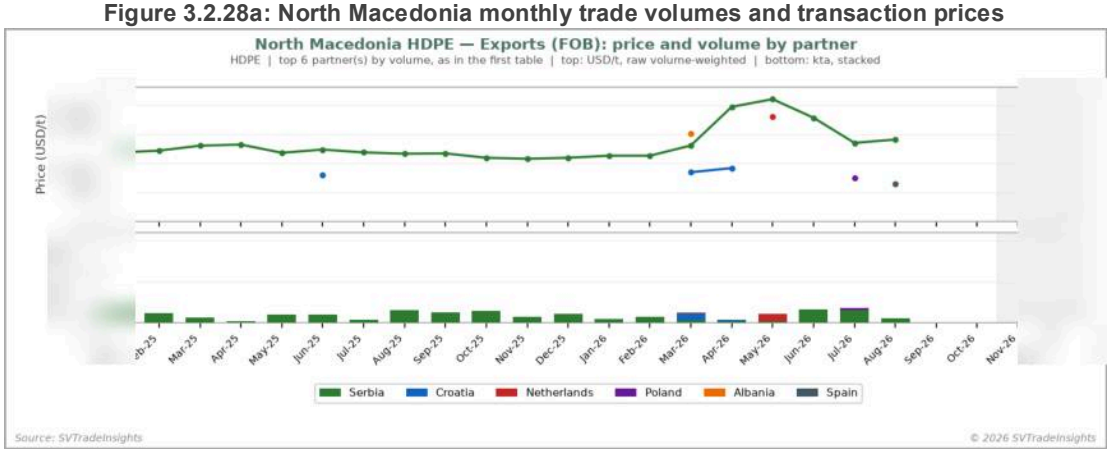


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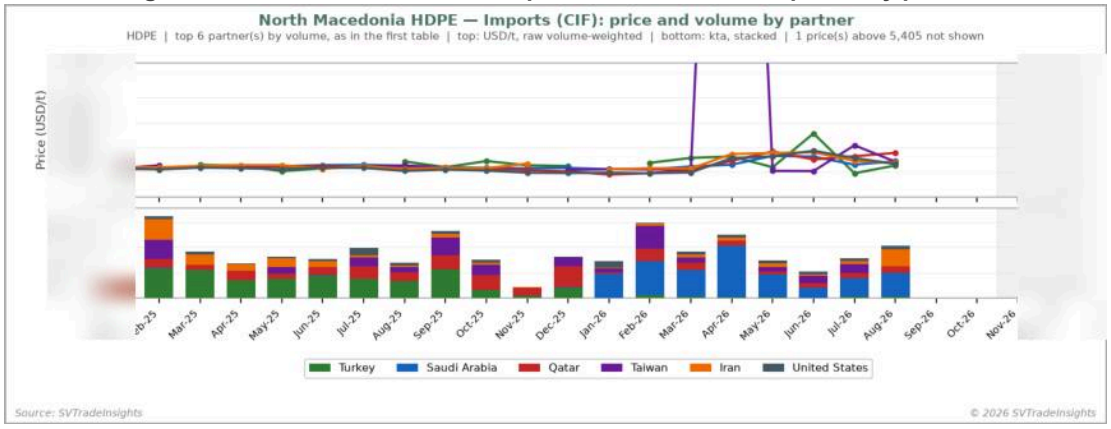


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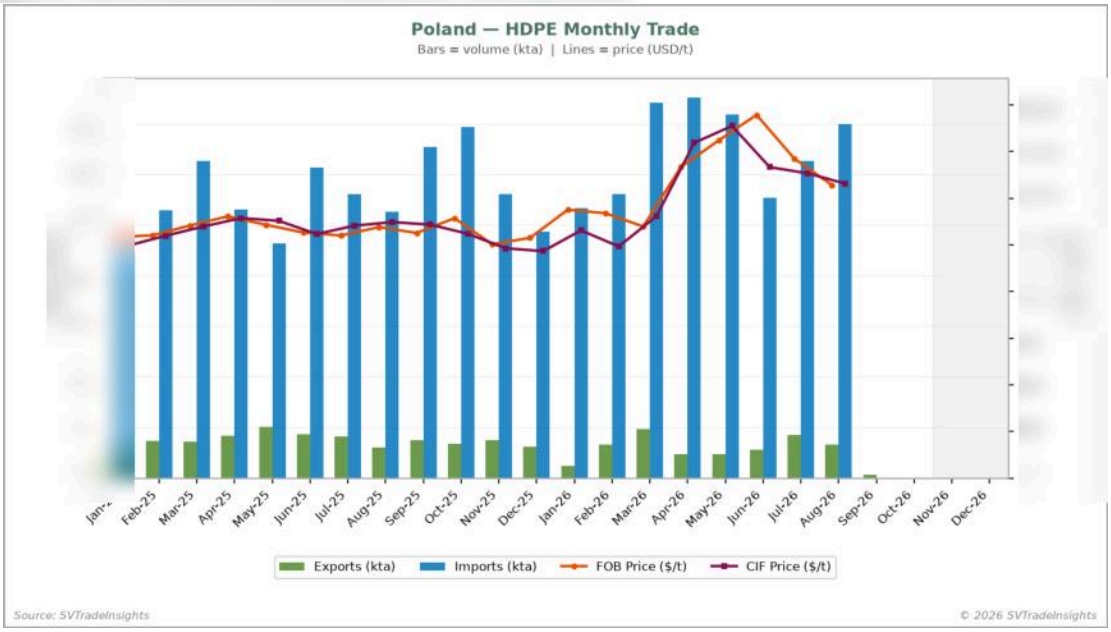


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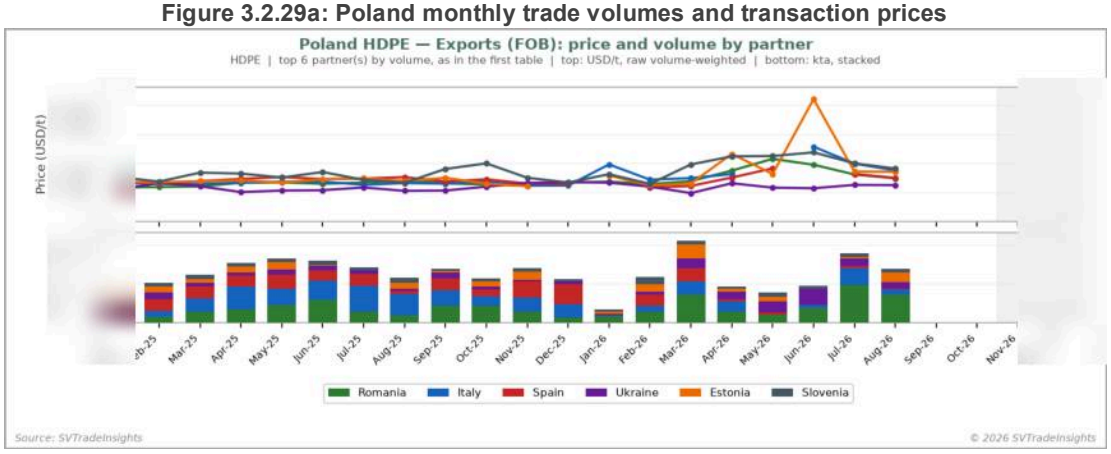


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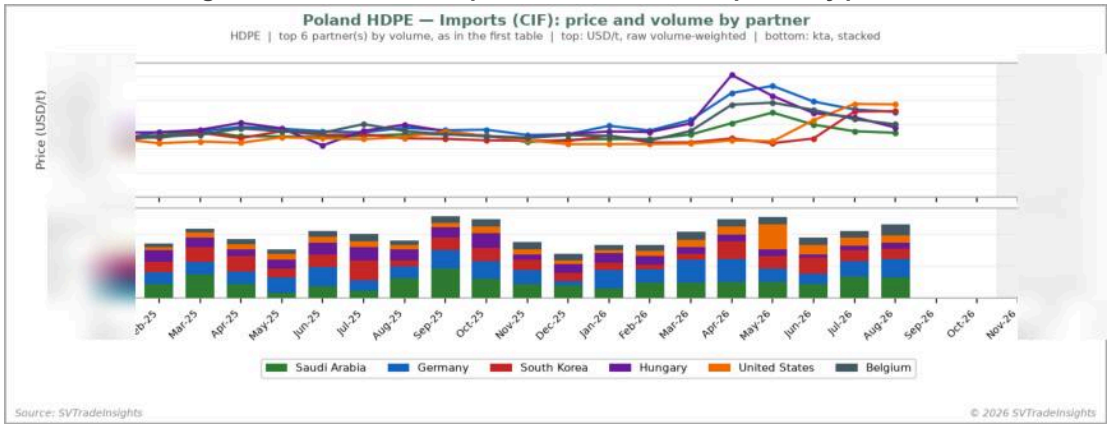


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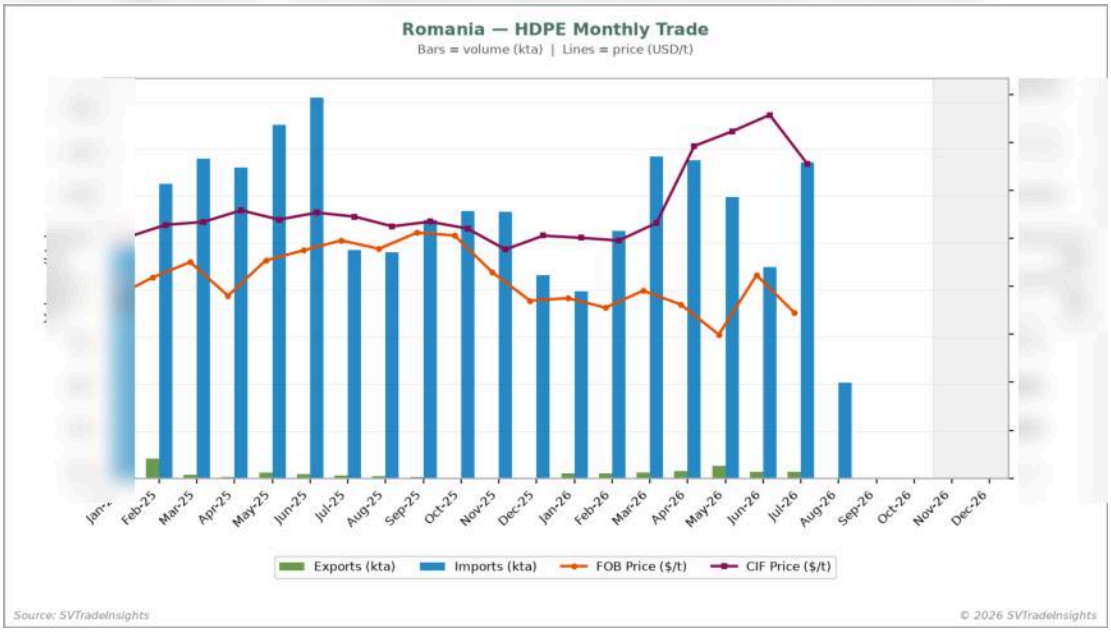


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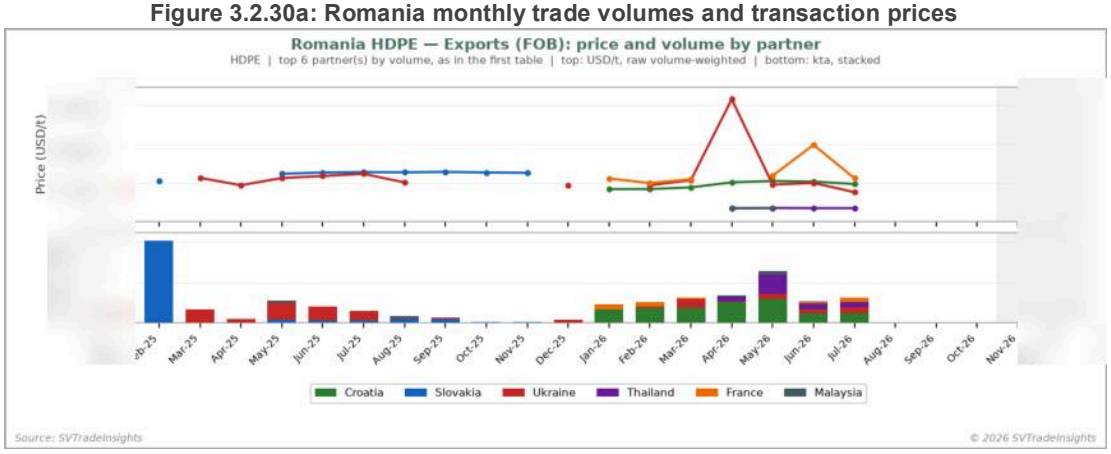


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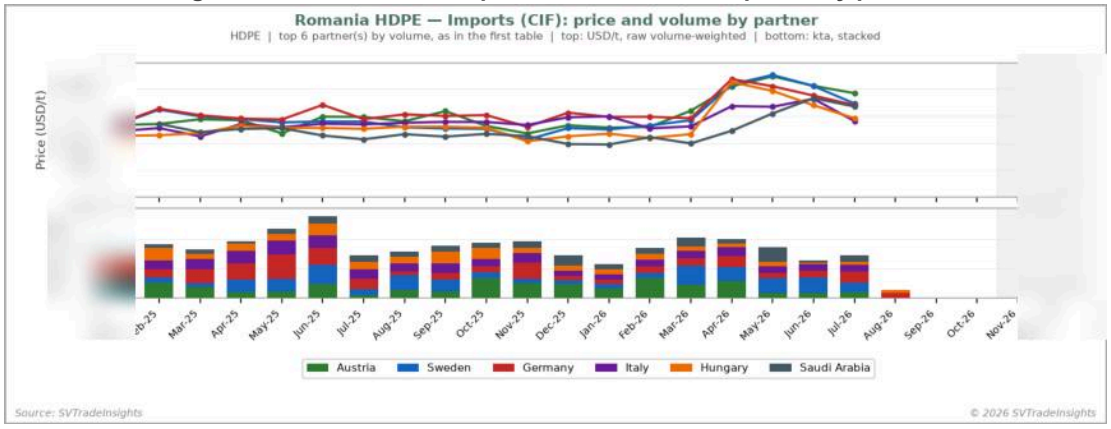


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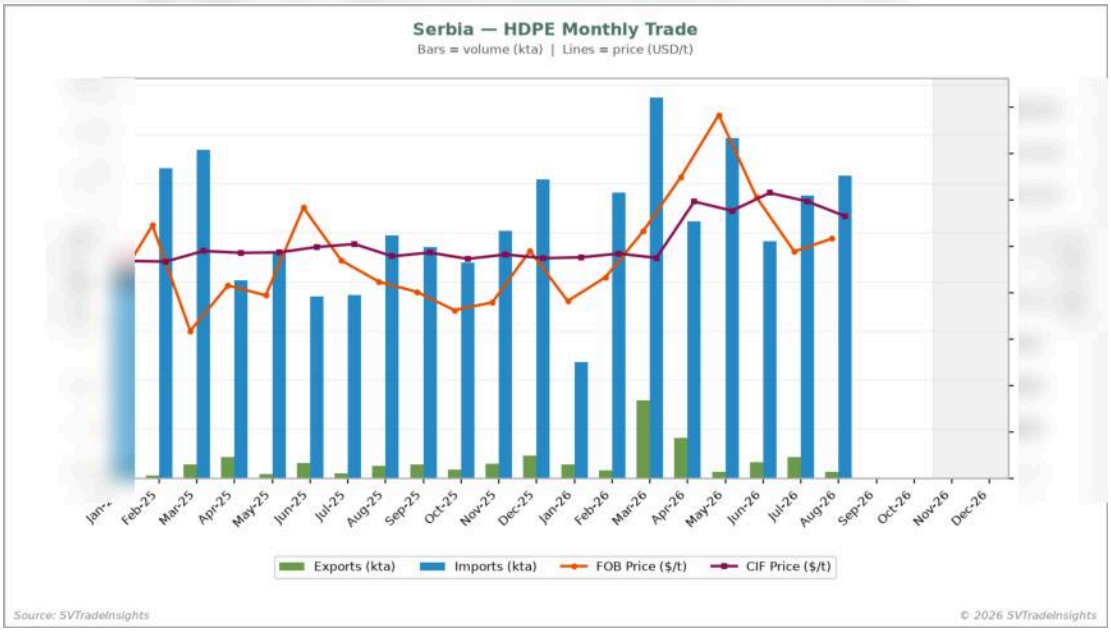


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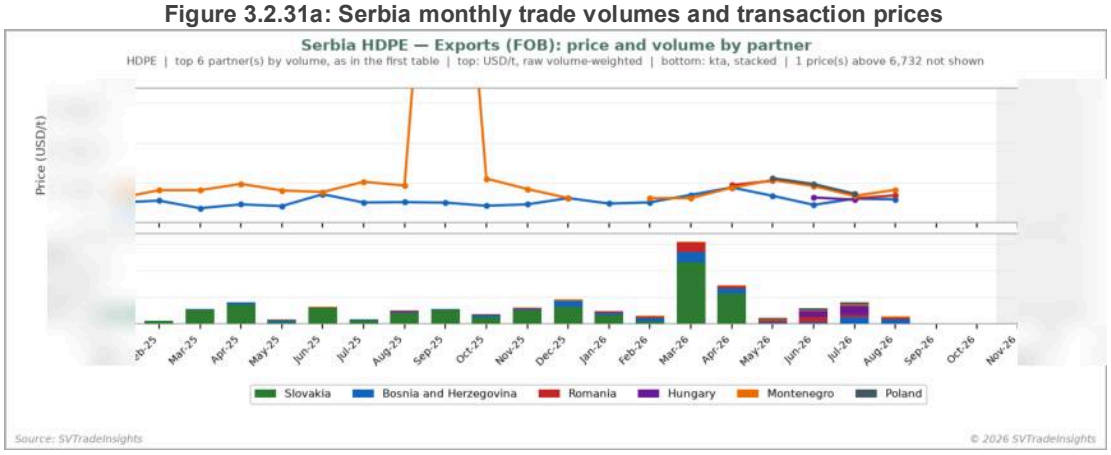


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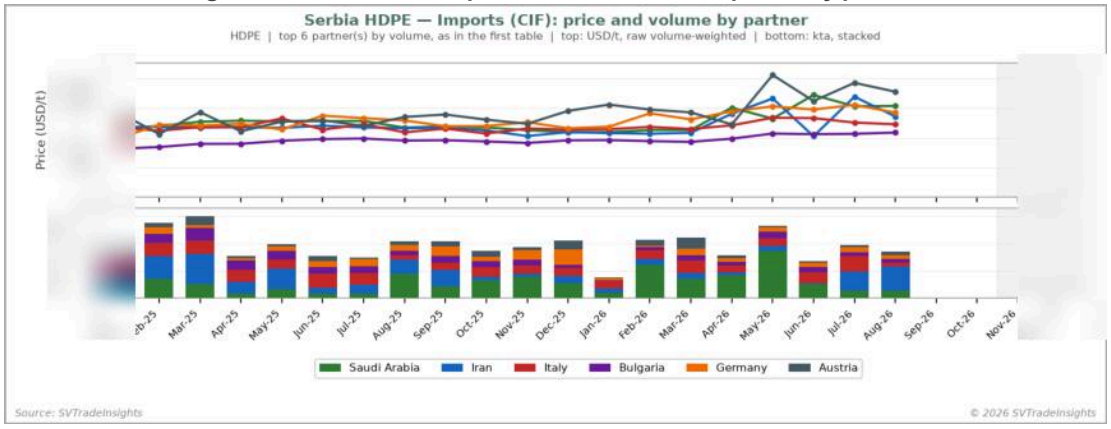


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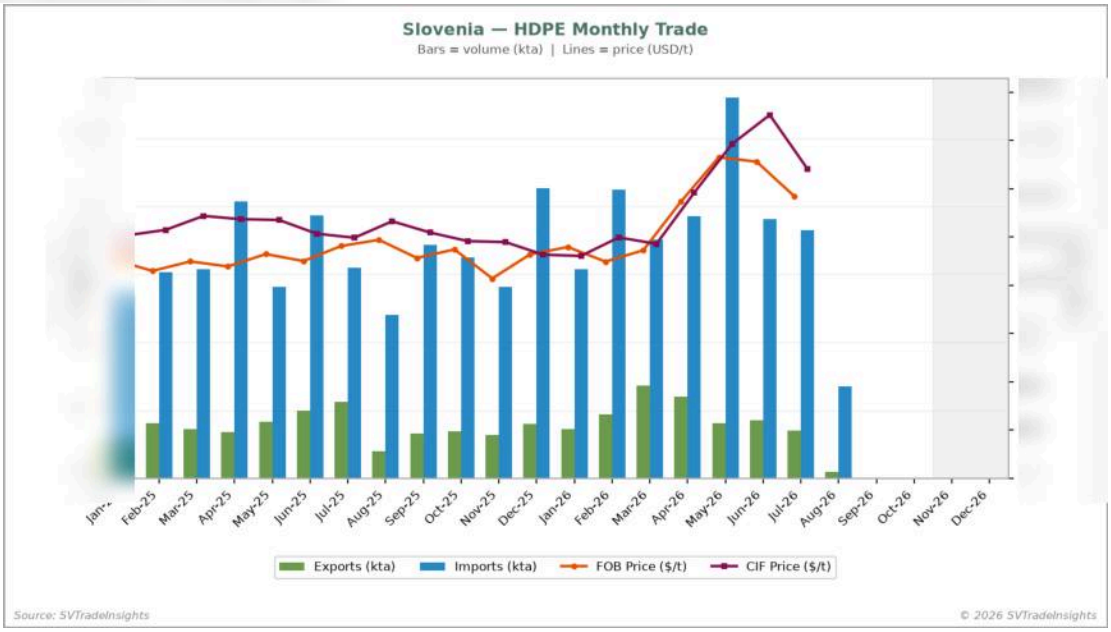


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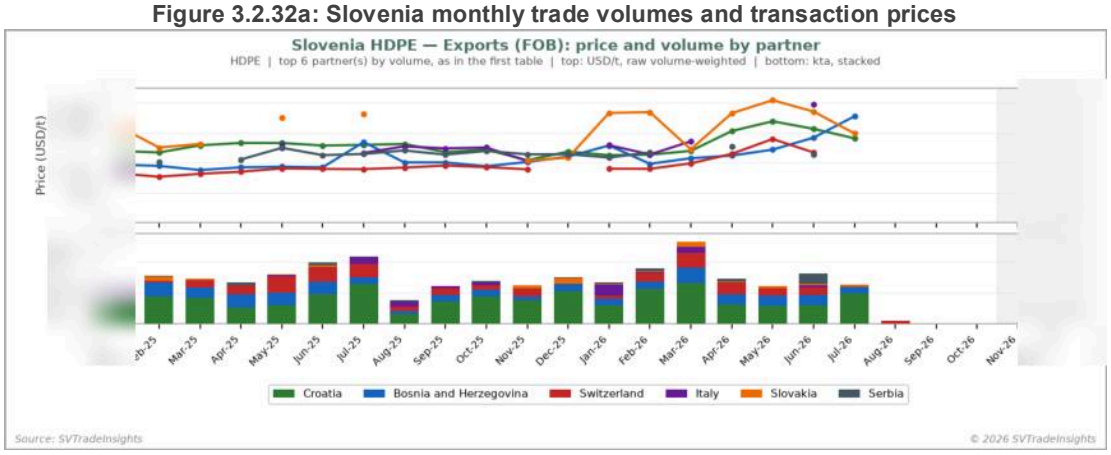


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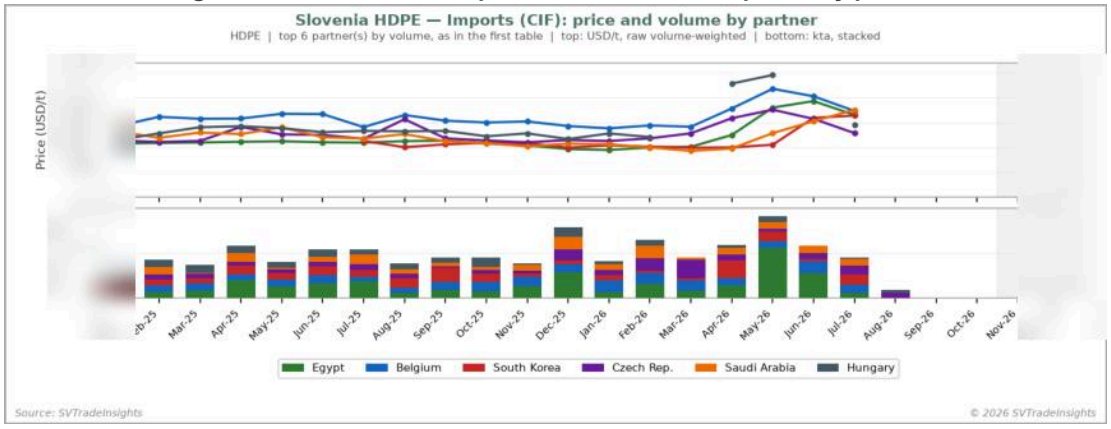


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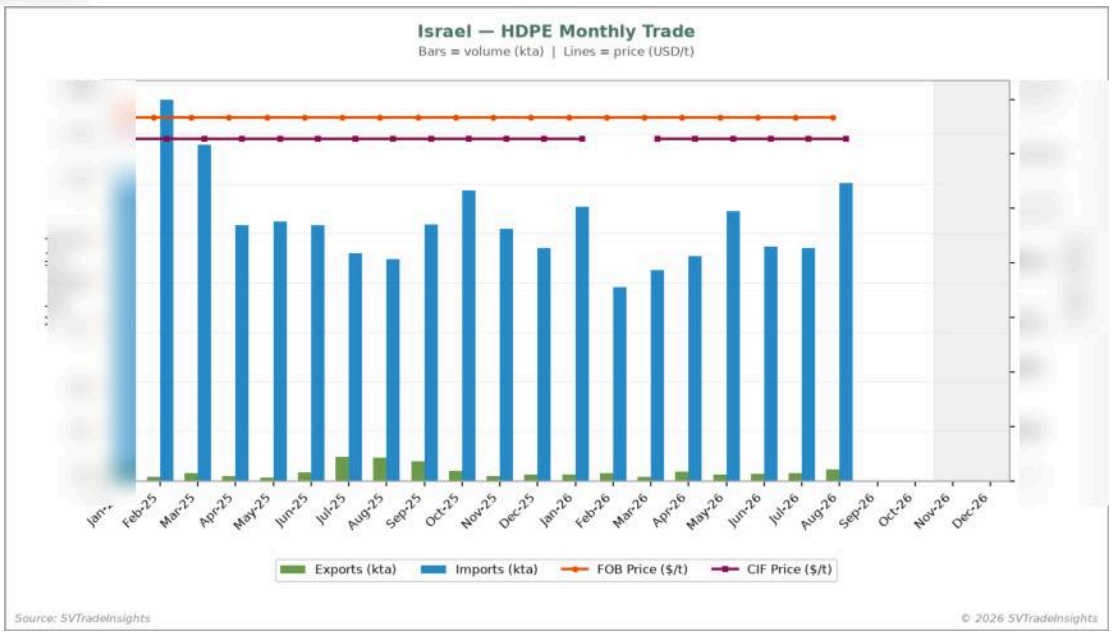


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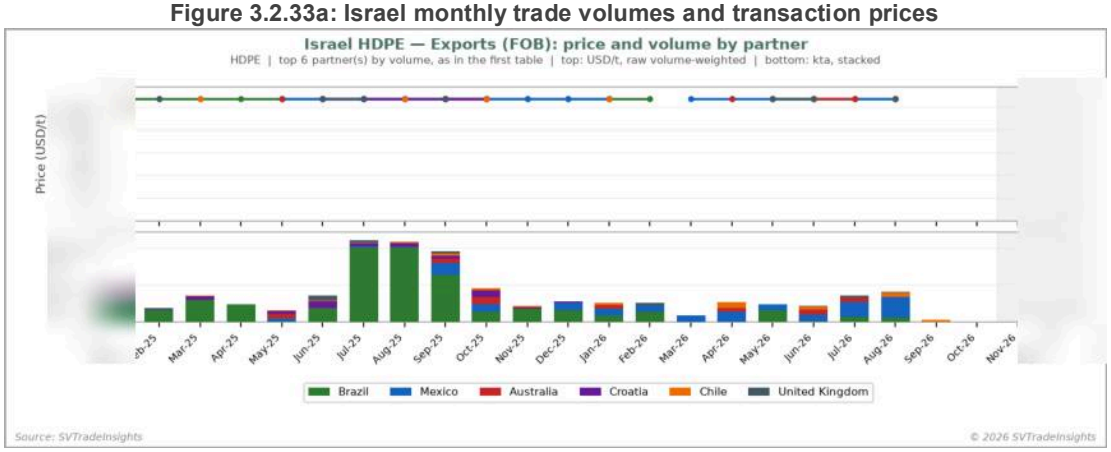


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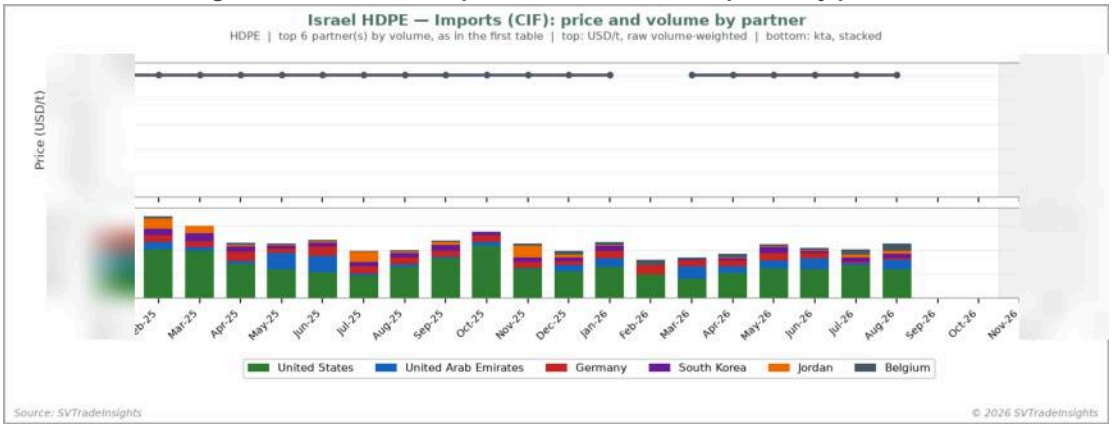


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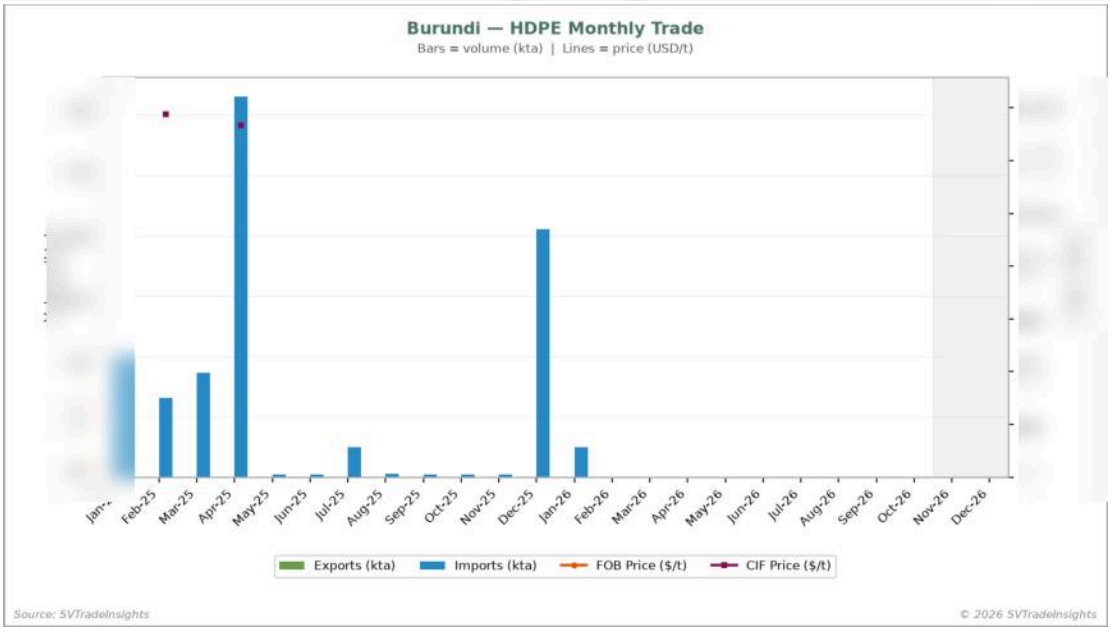


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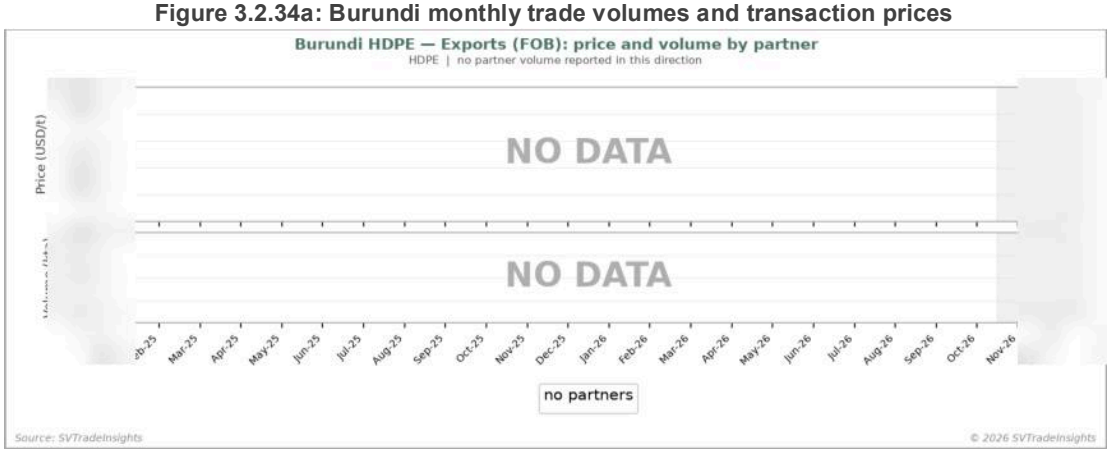


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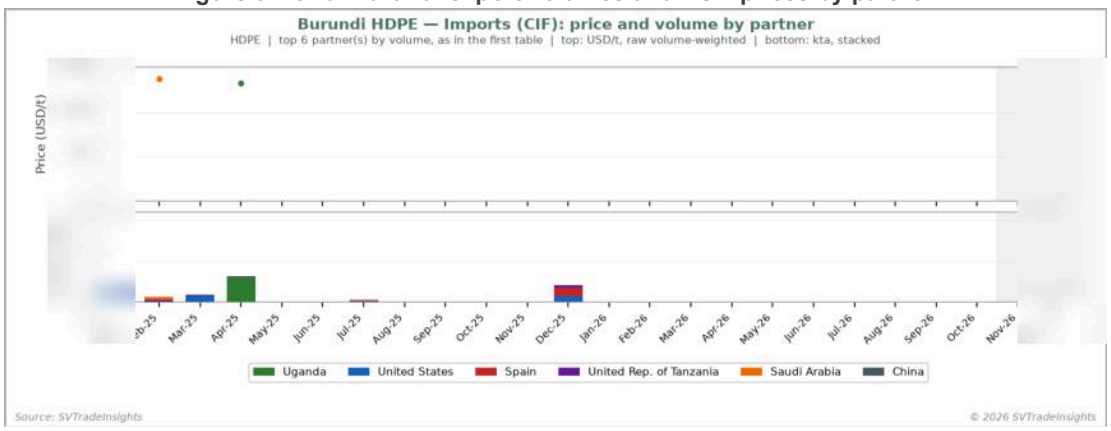


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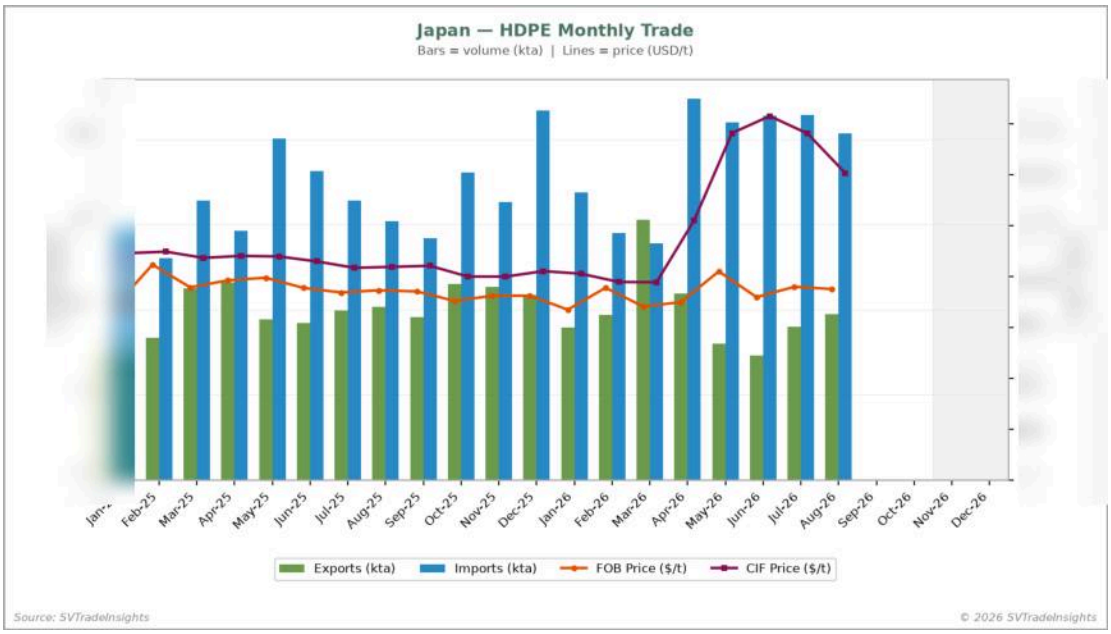


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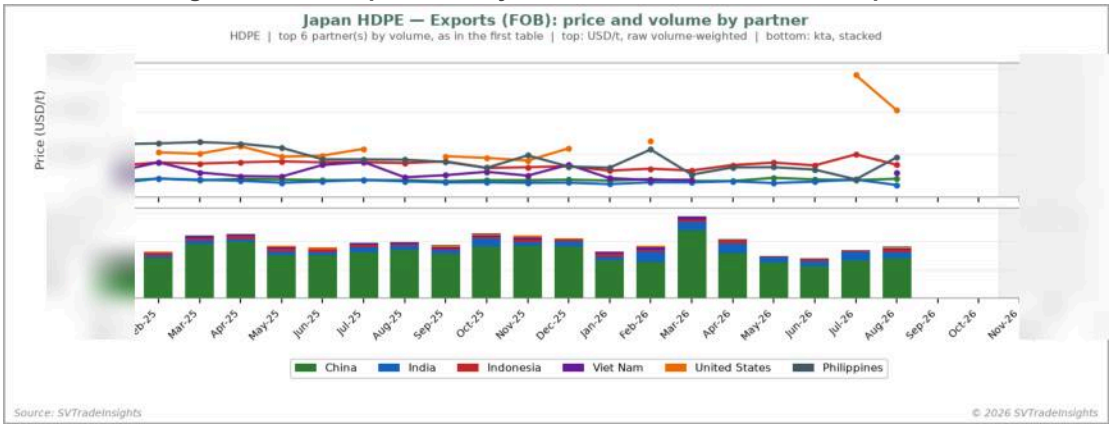


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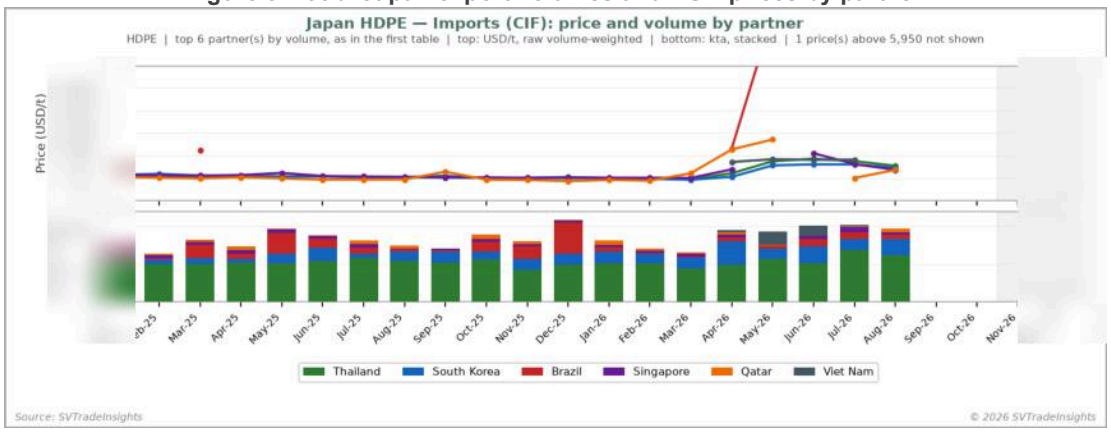


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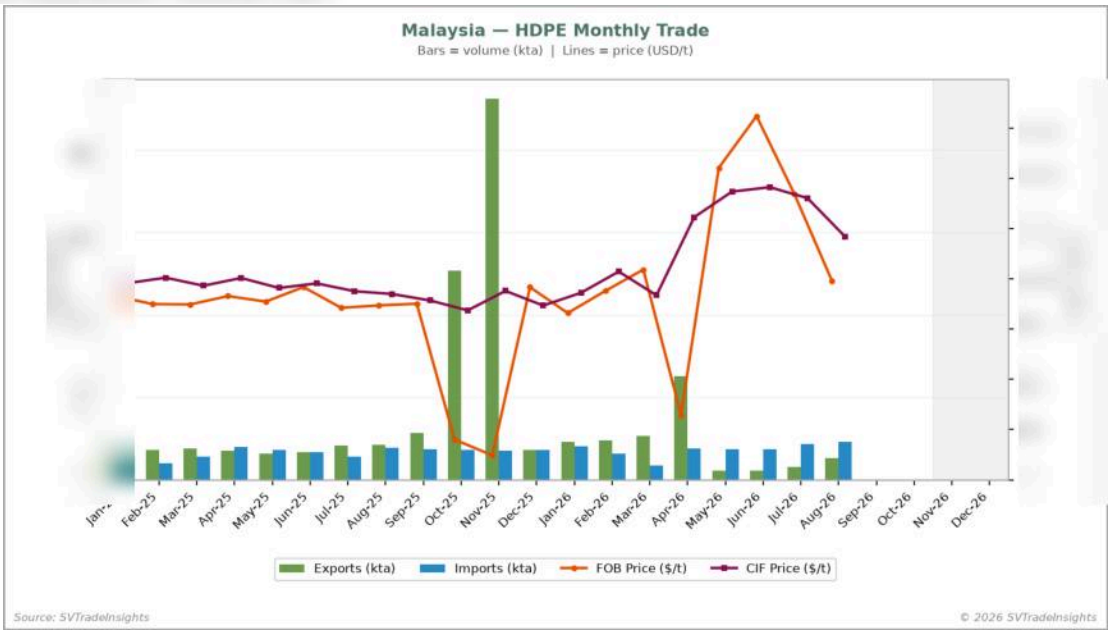


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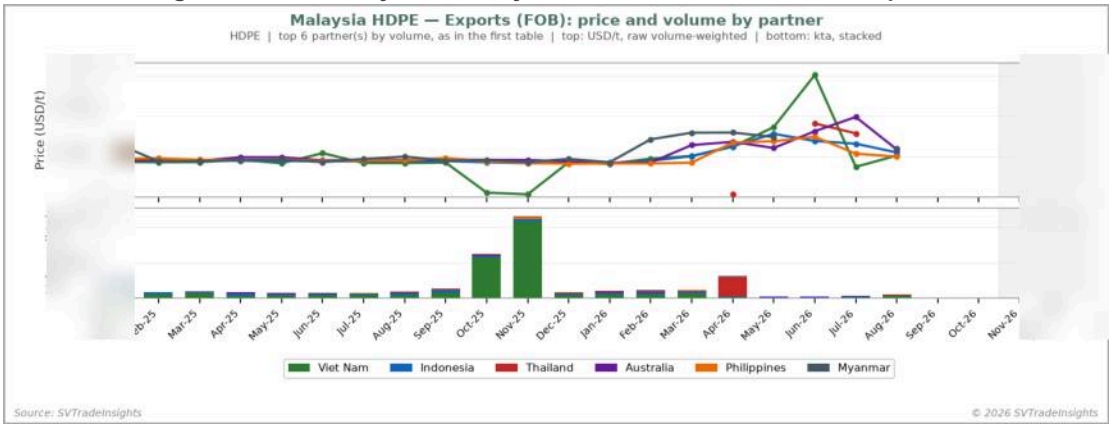


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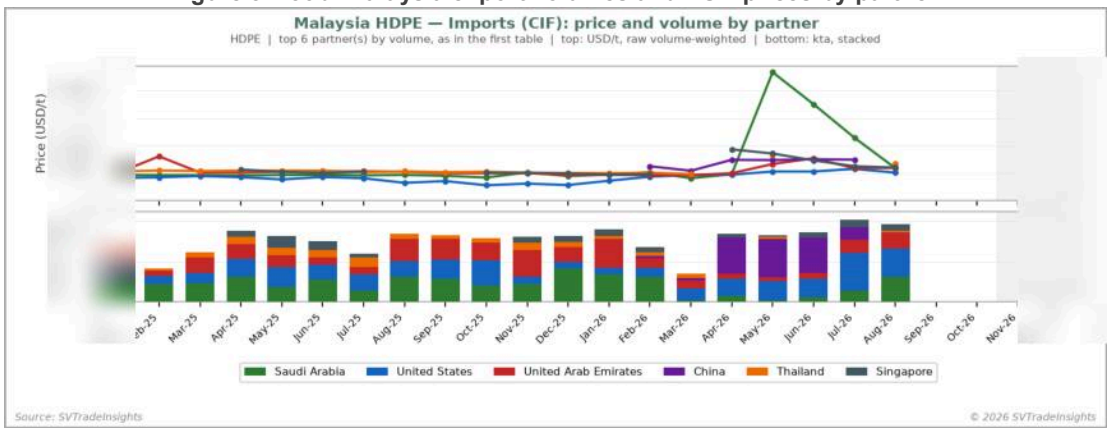


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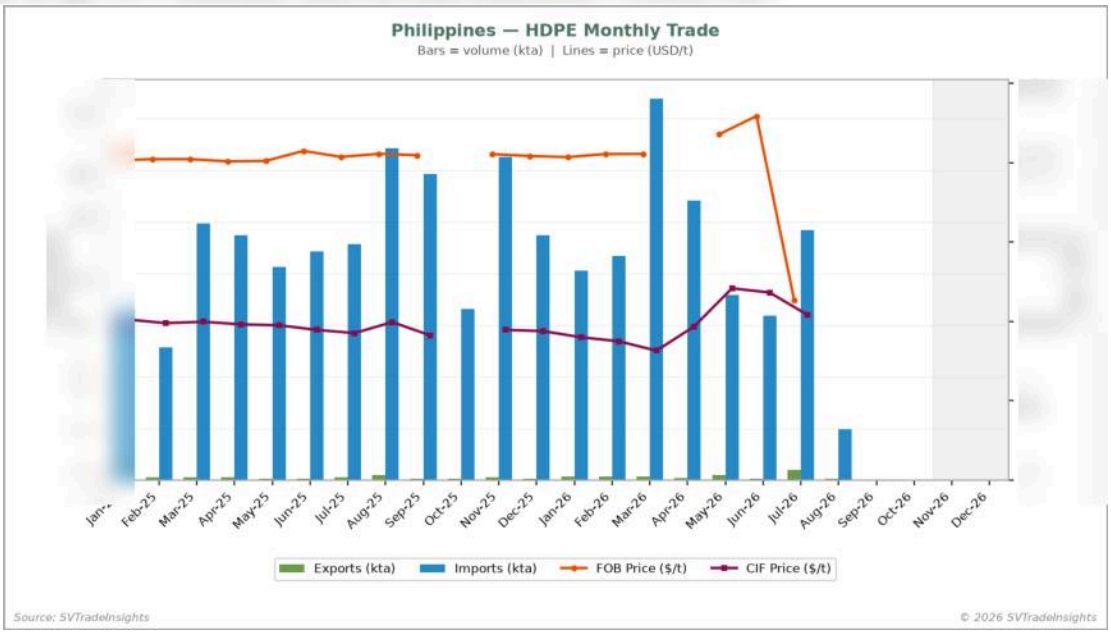


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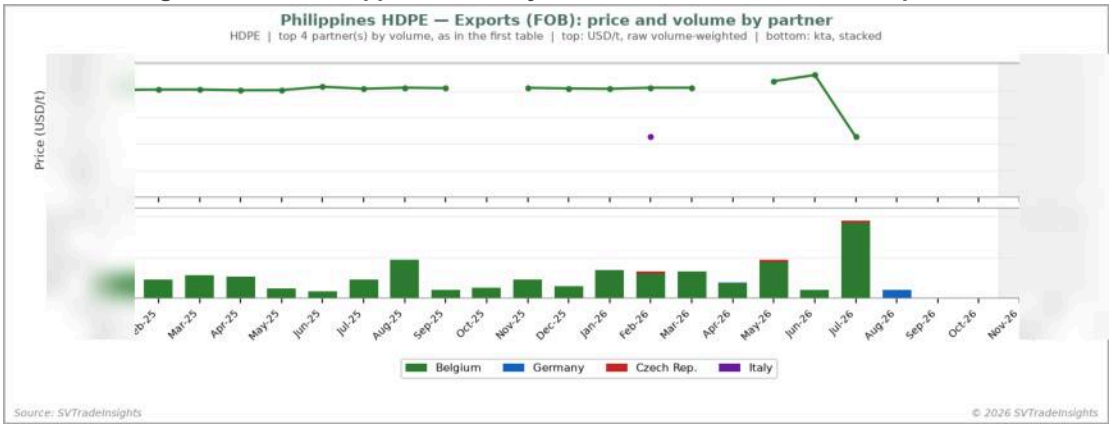


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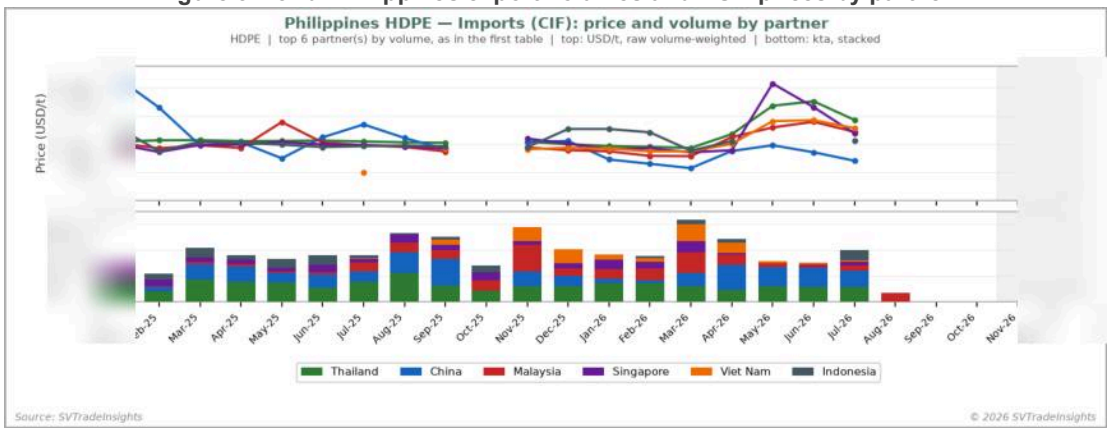


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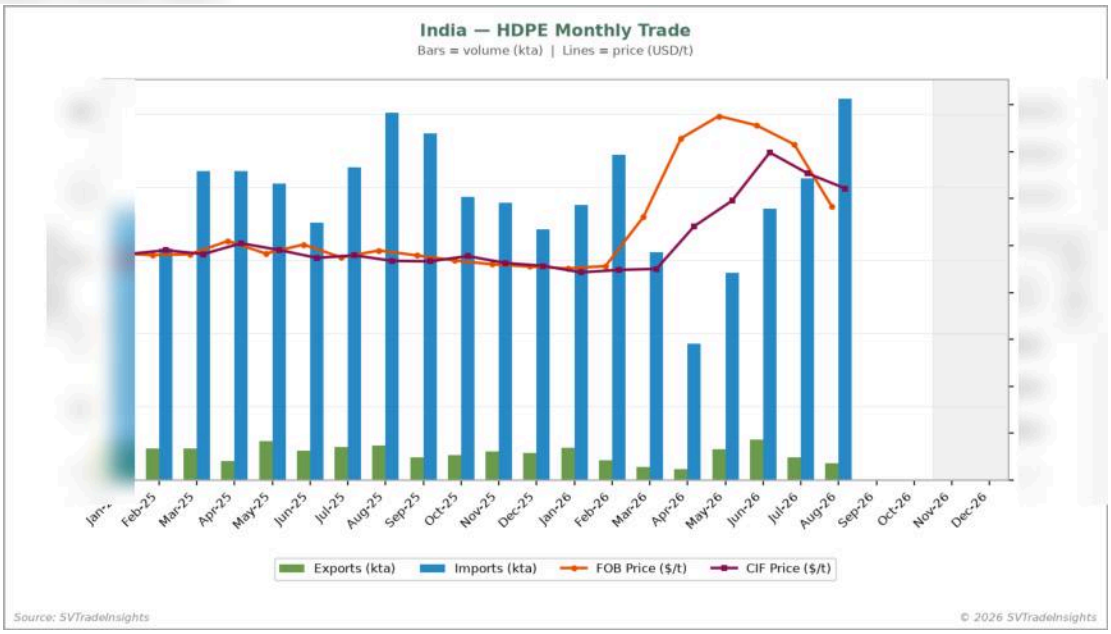


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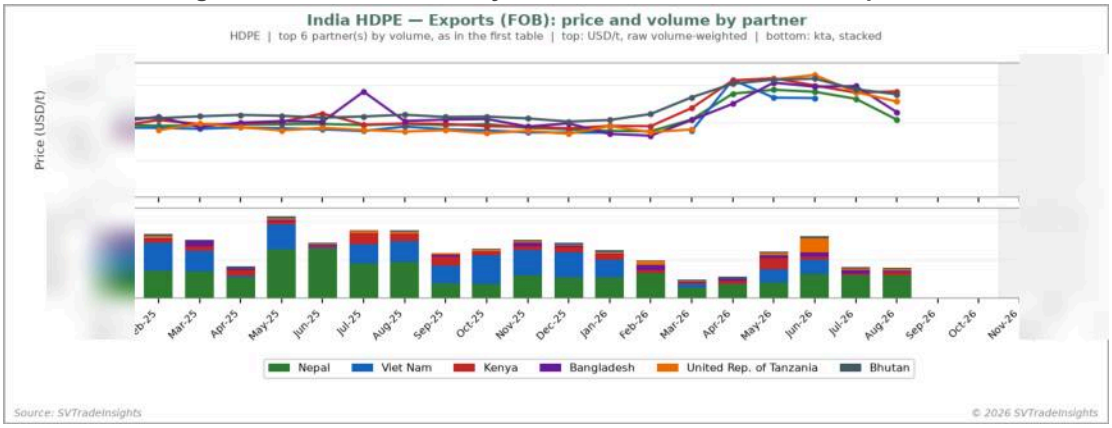


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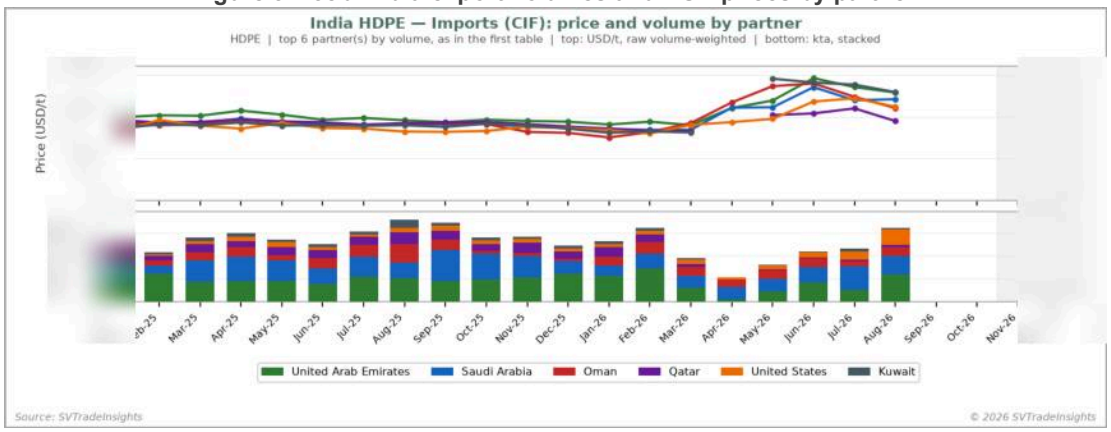


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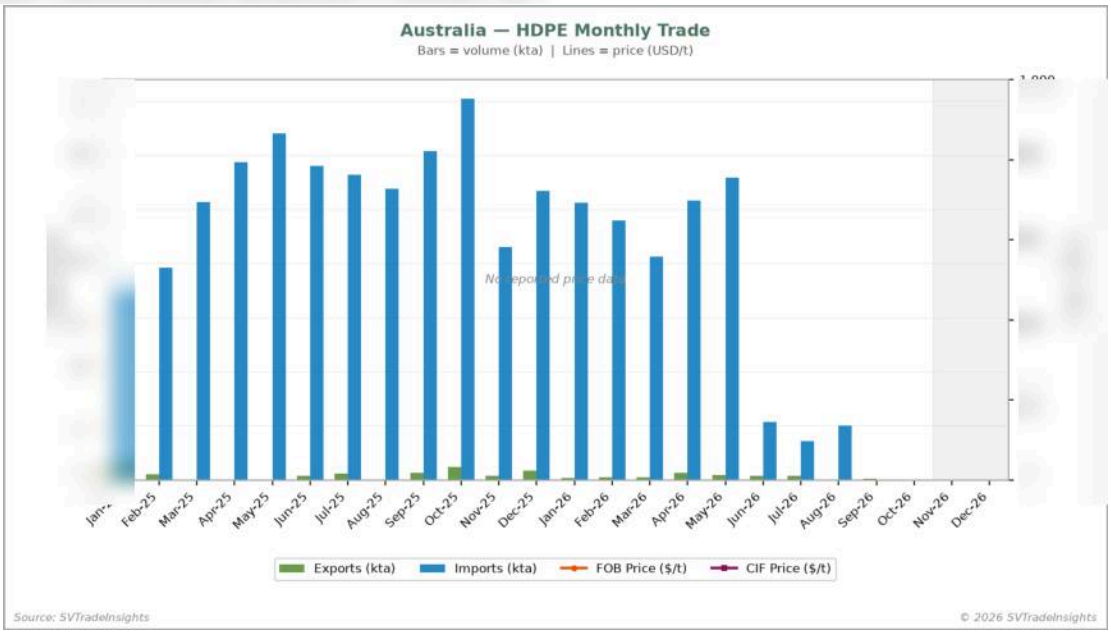


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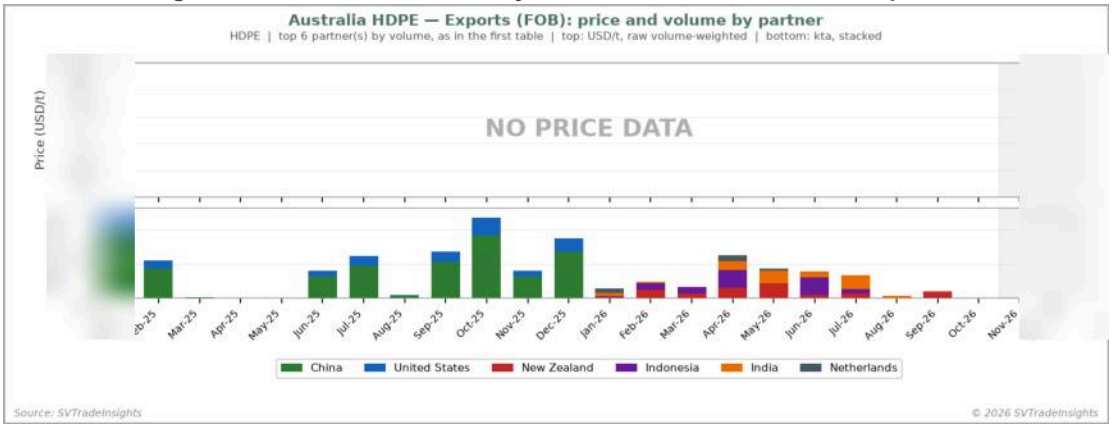


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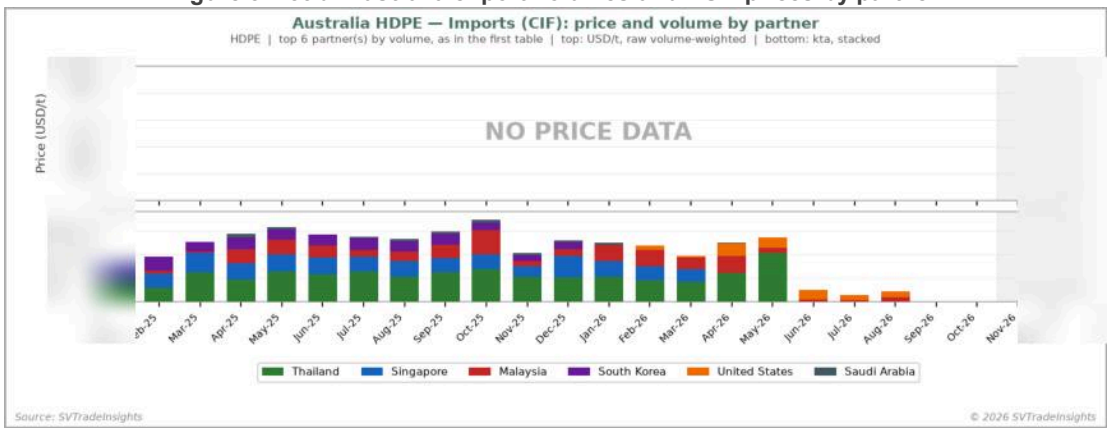


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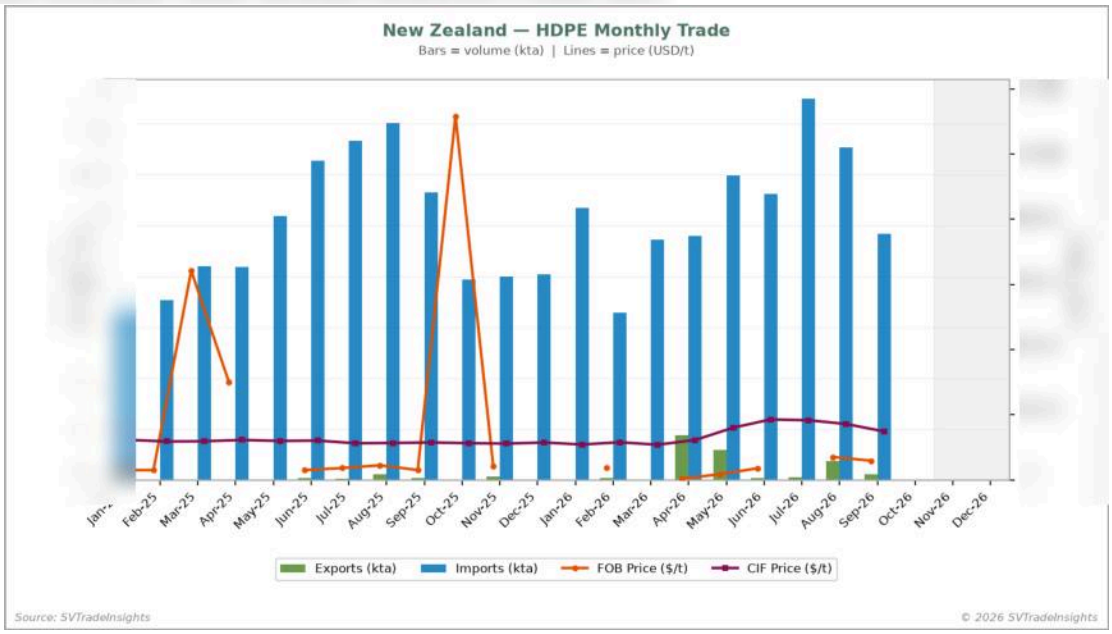


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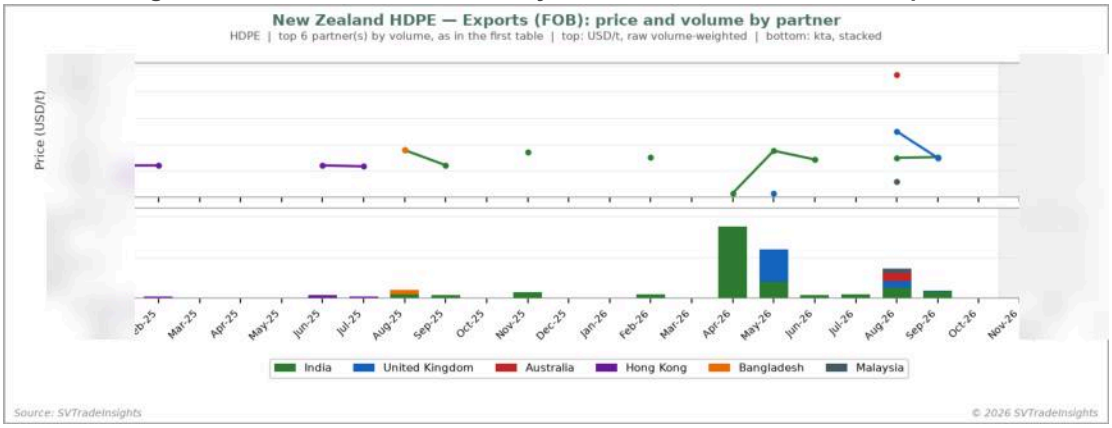


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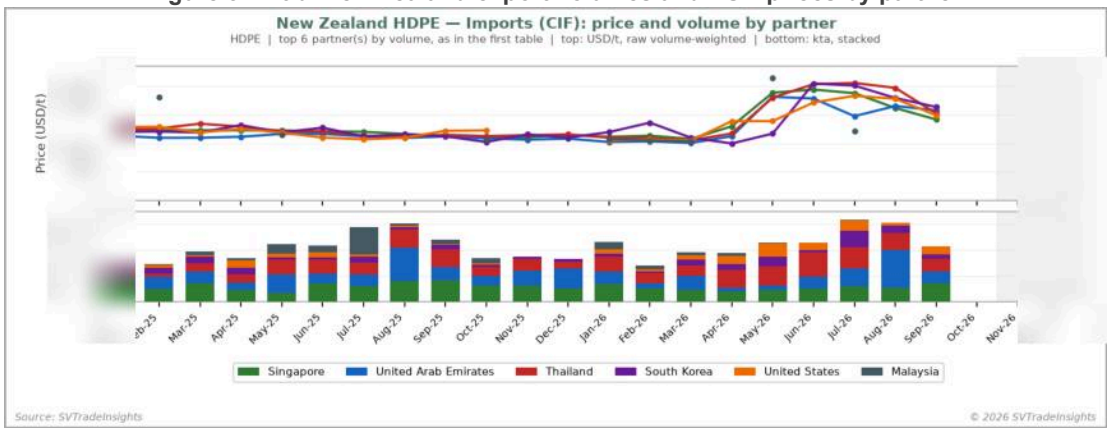


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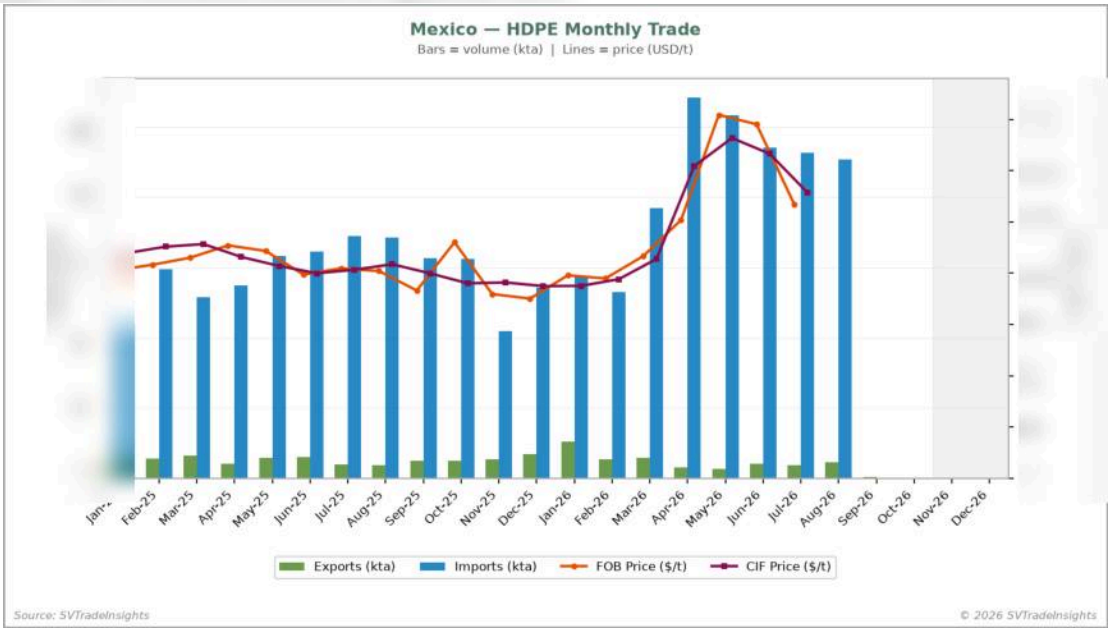


Figure 3.3.1a: Mexico monthly trade volumes and transaction prices



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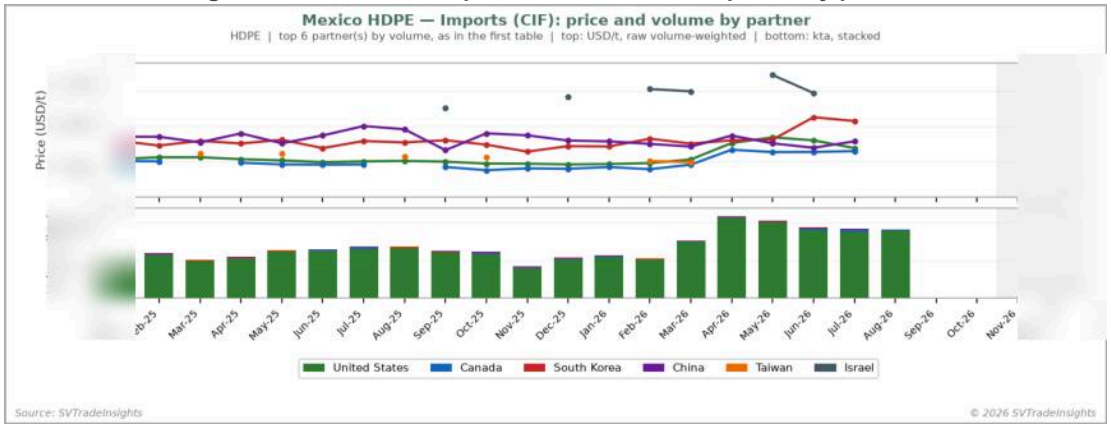


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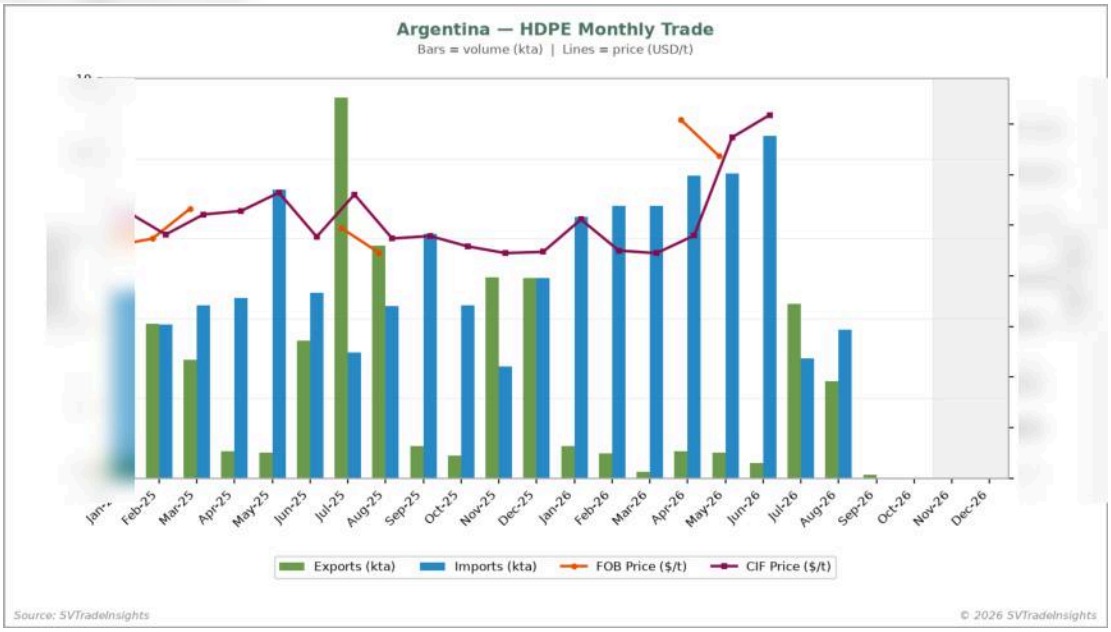


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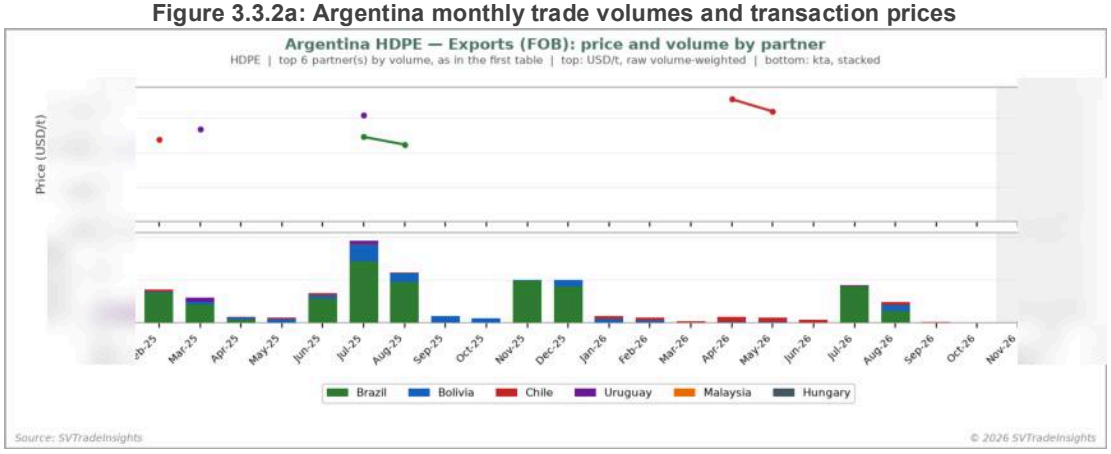


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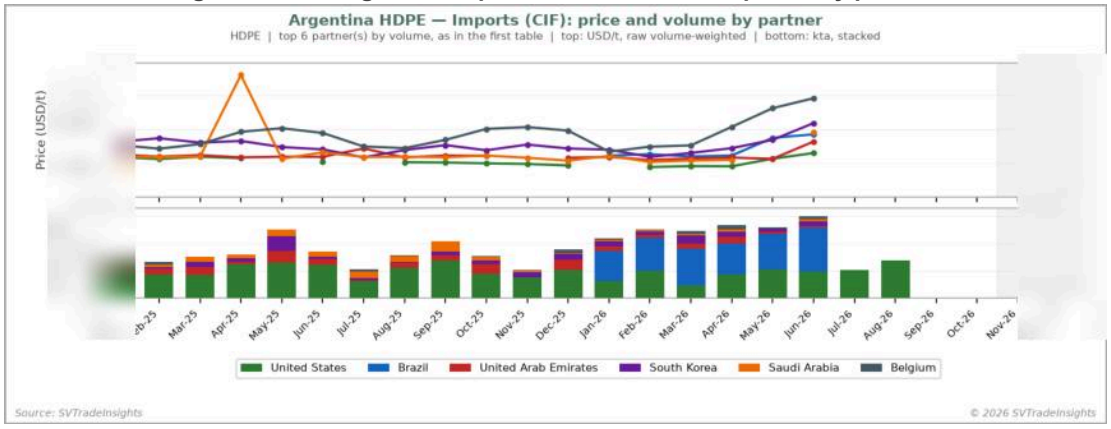


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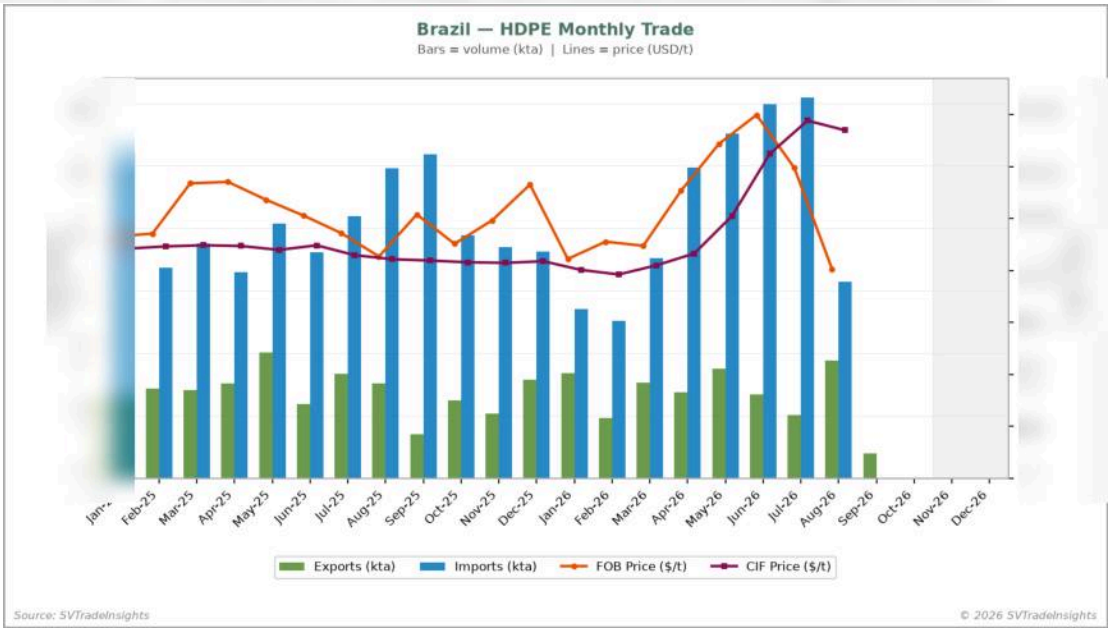


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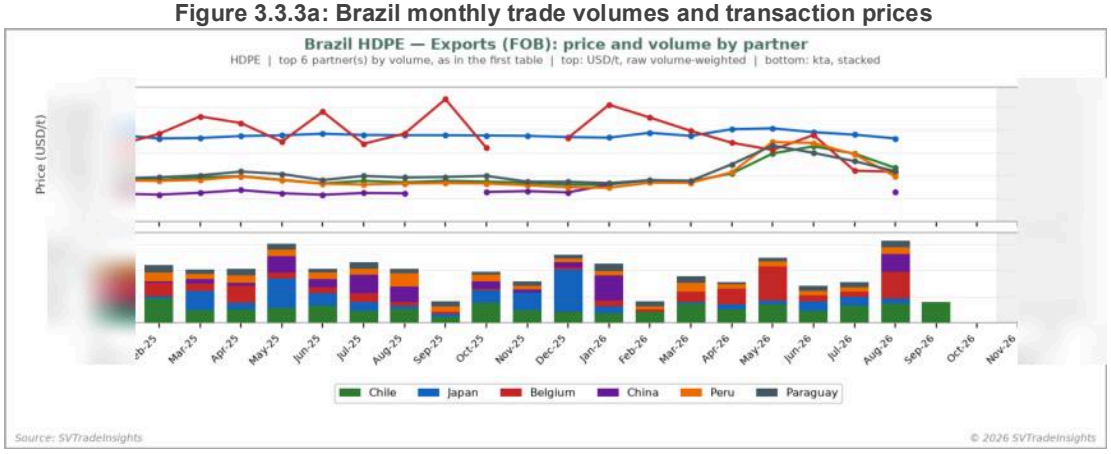


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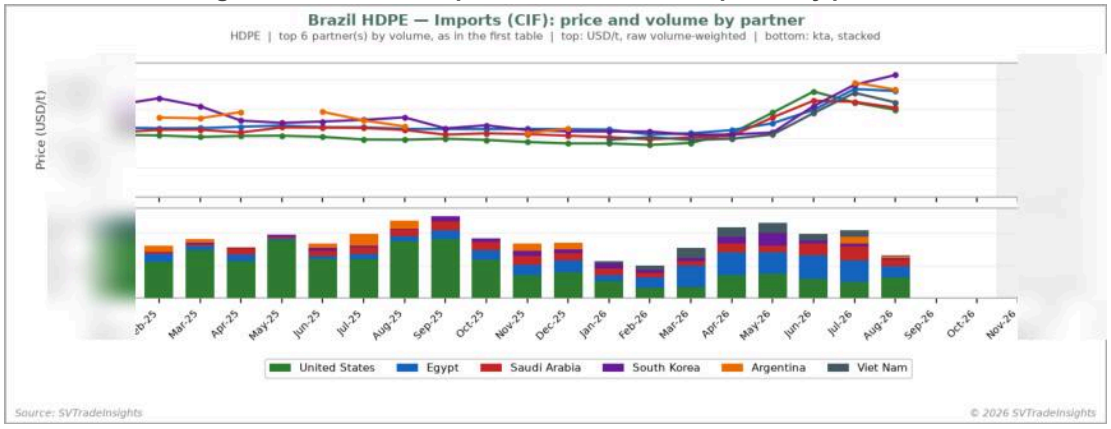


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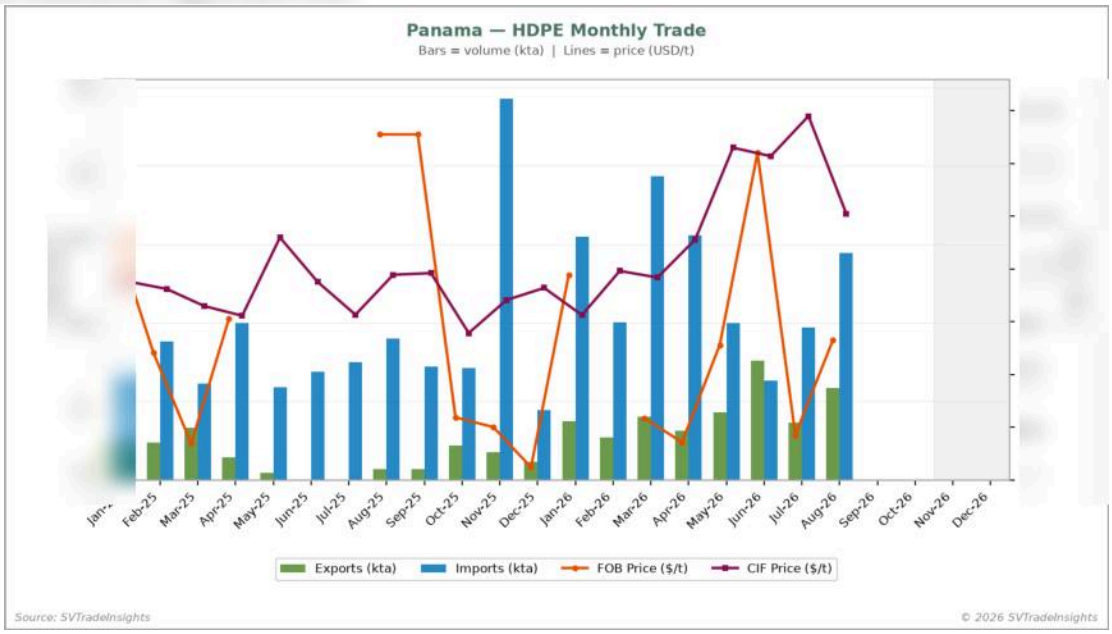


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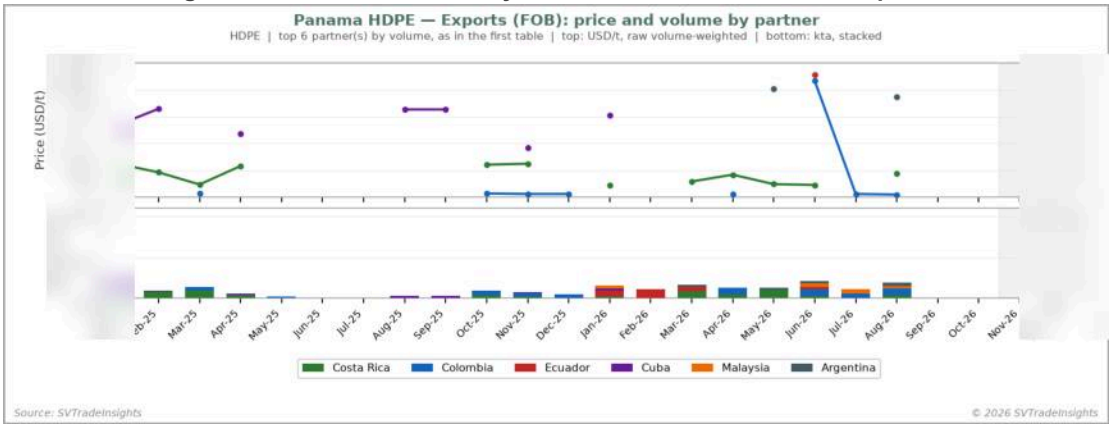


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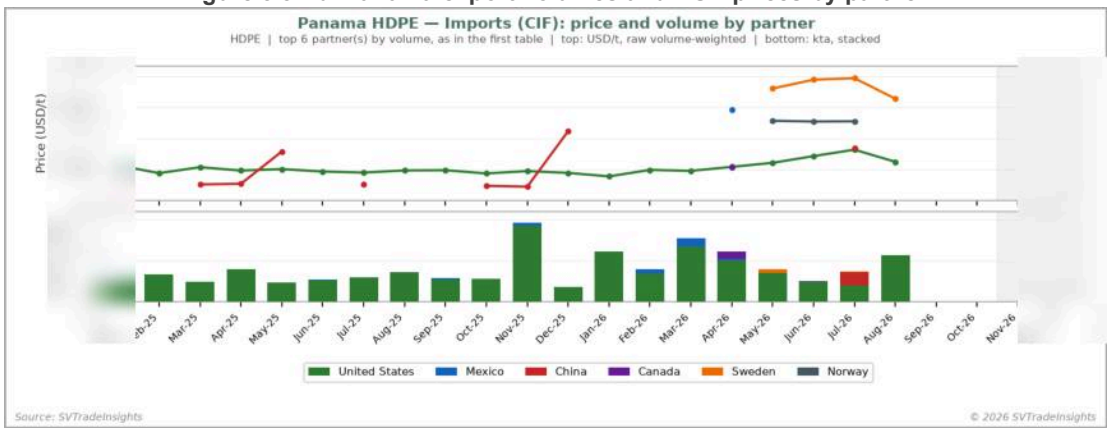


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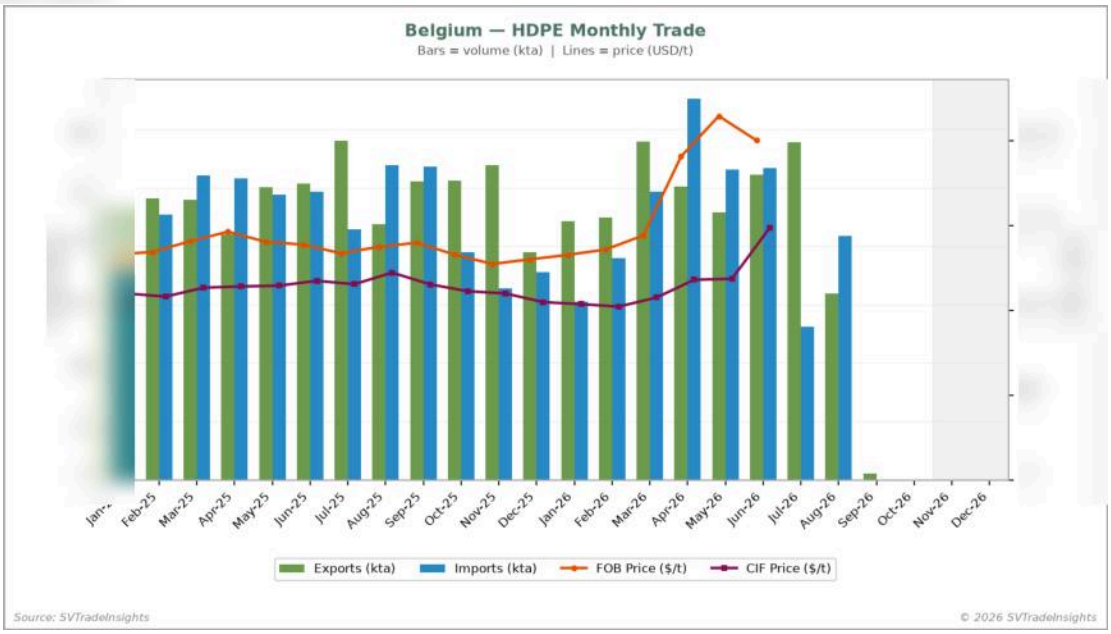


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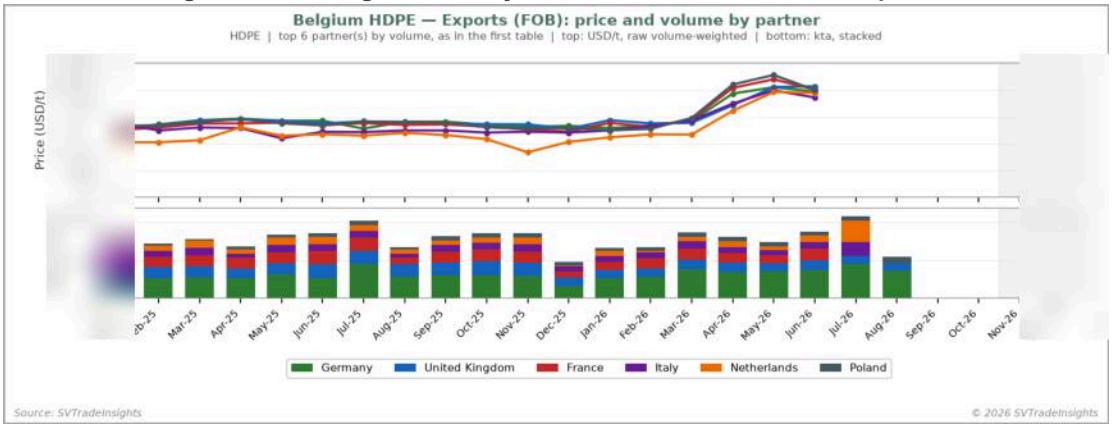


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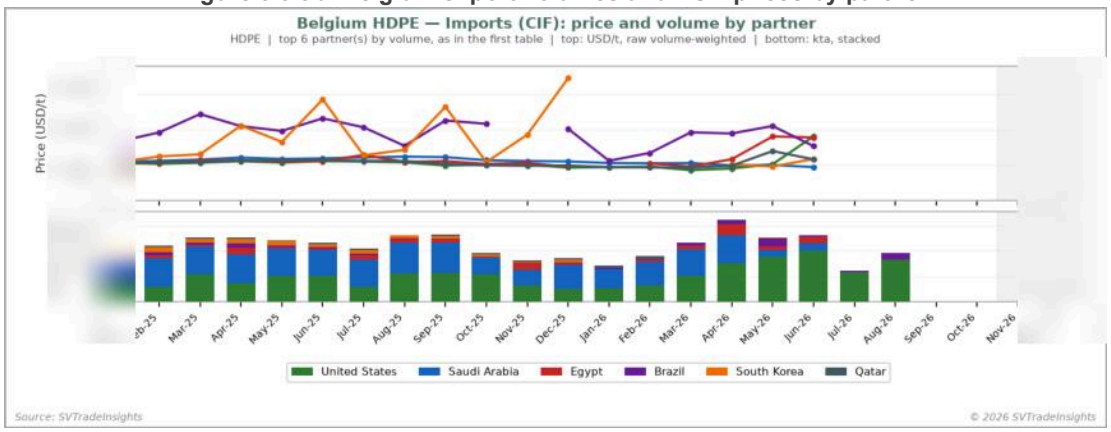


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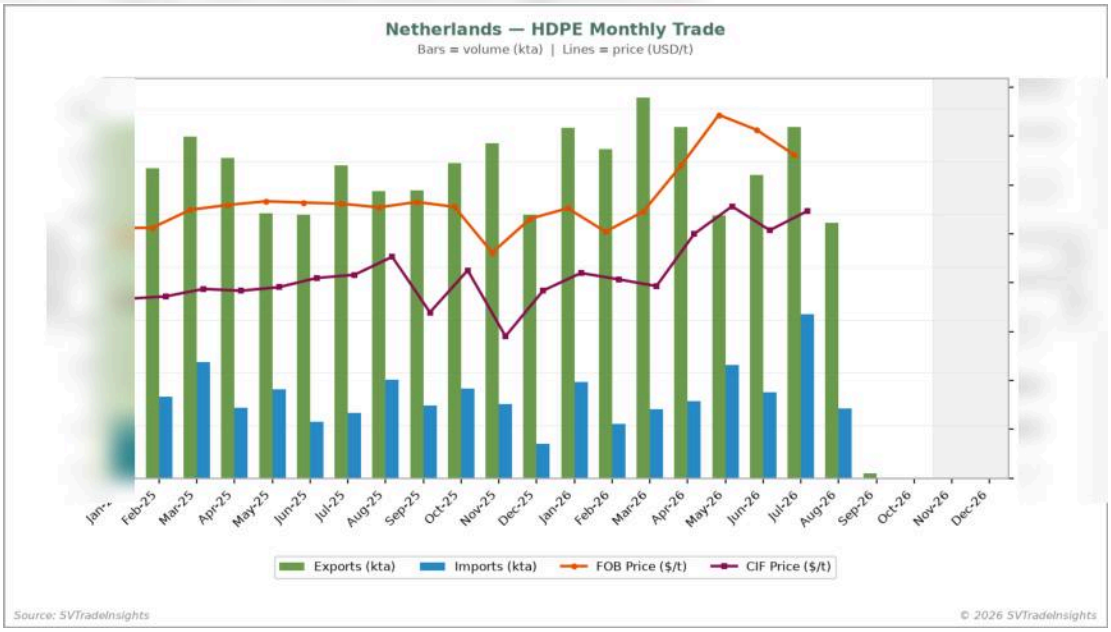


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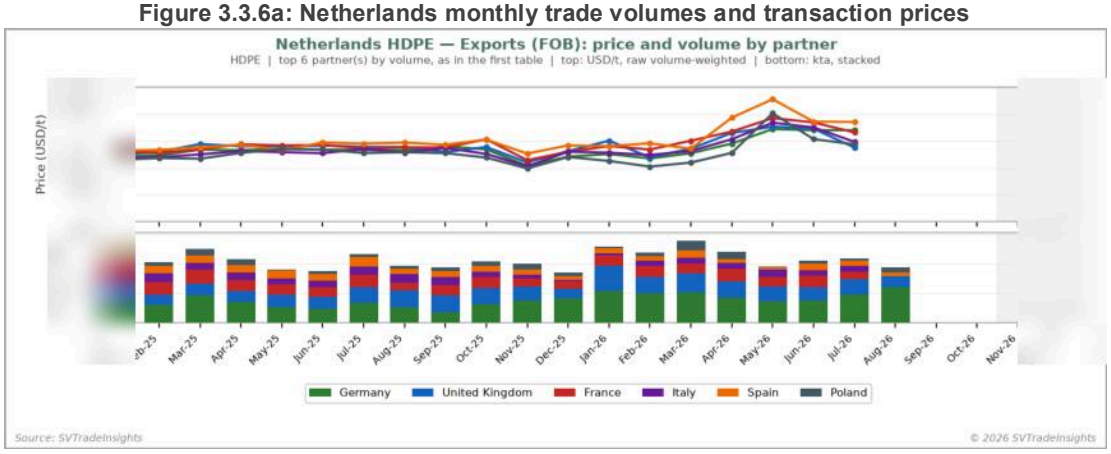


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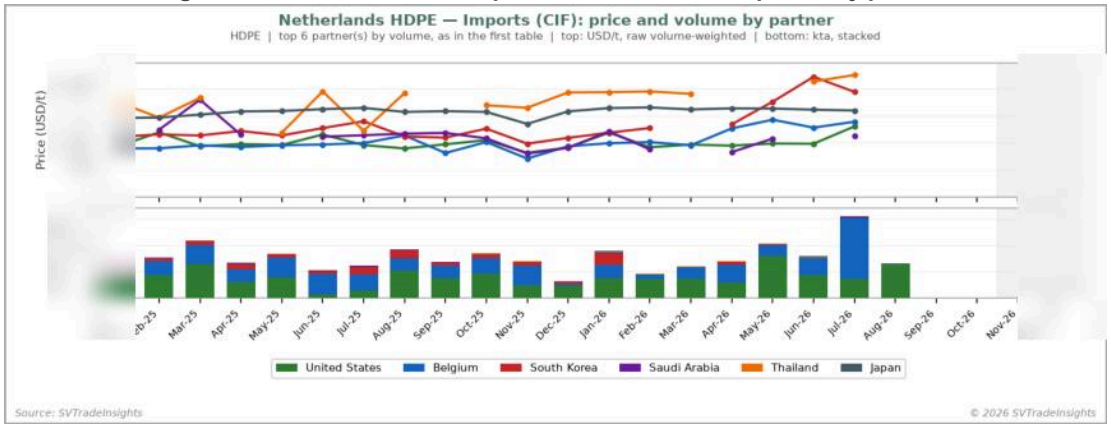


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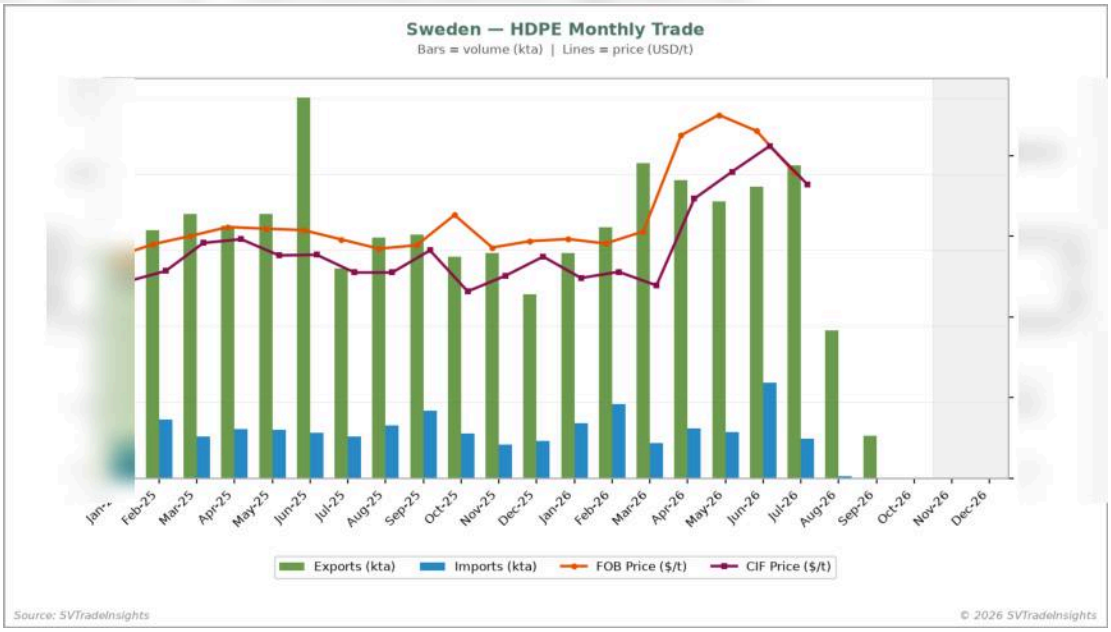


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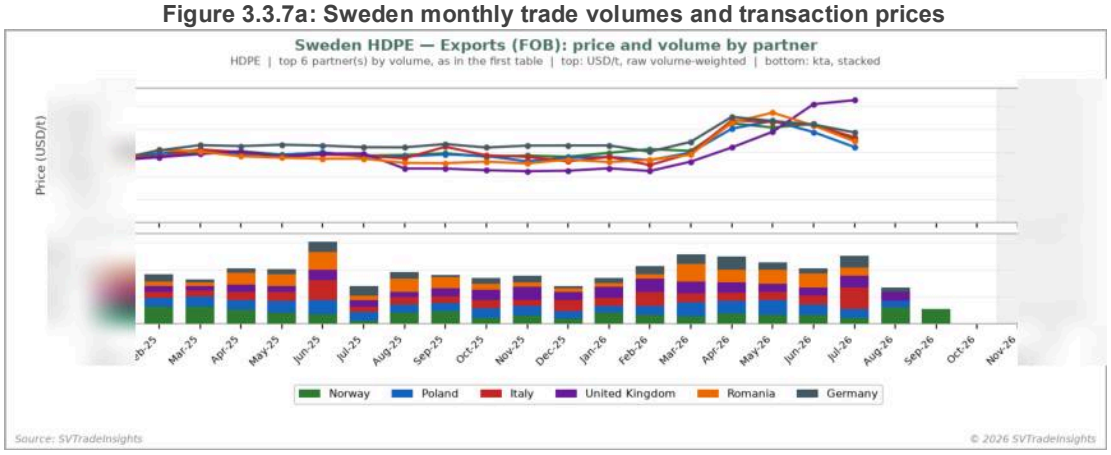


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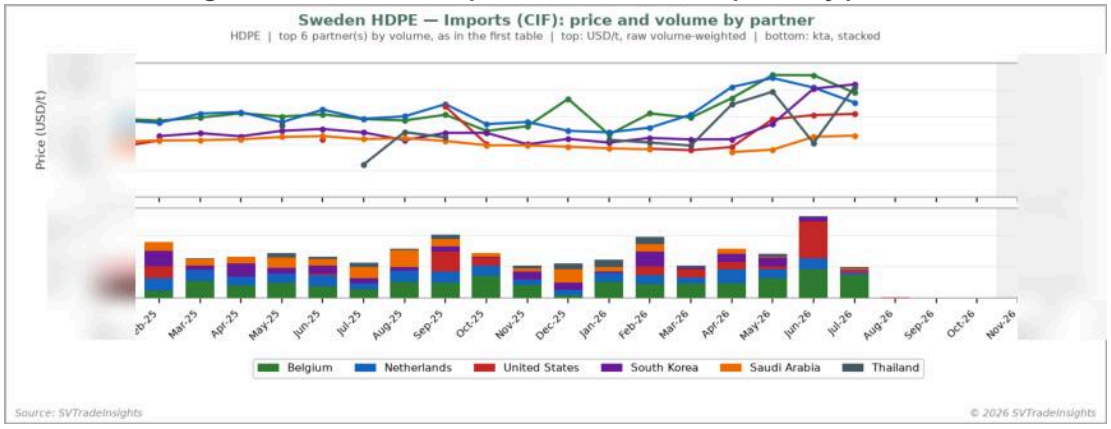


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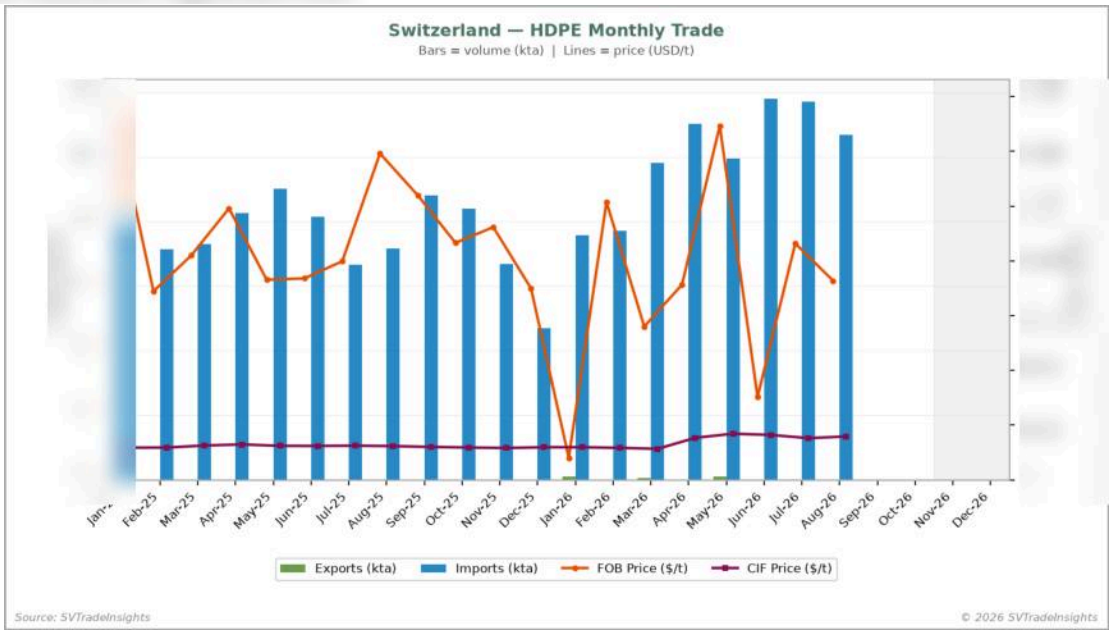


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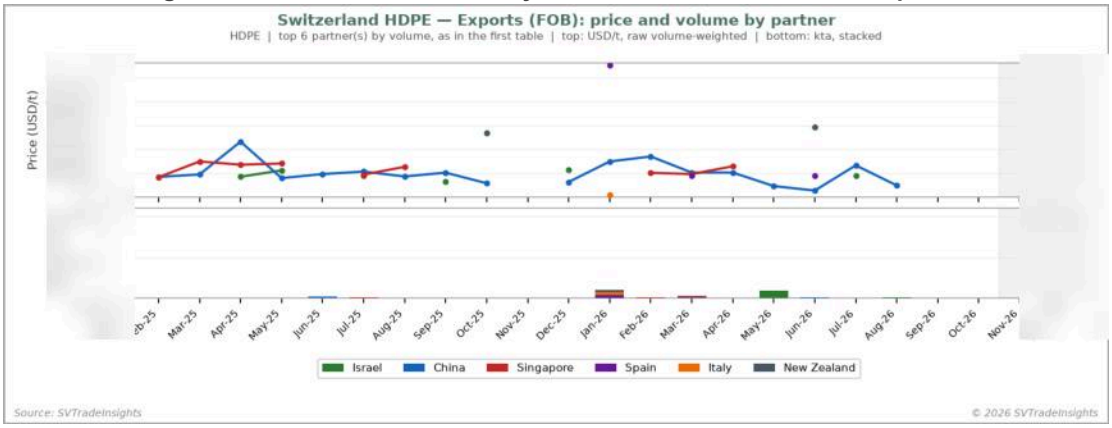


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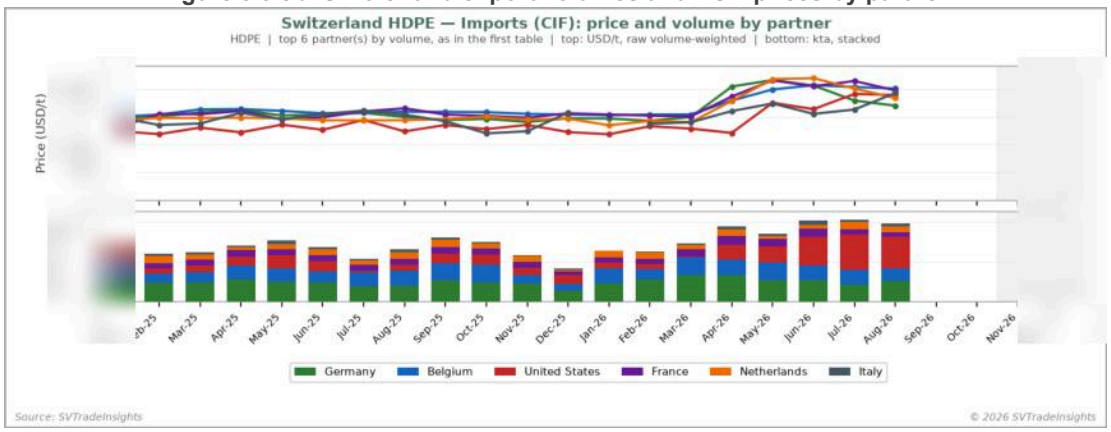


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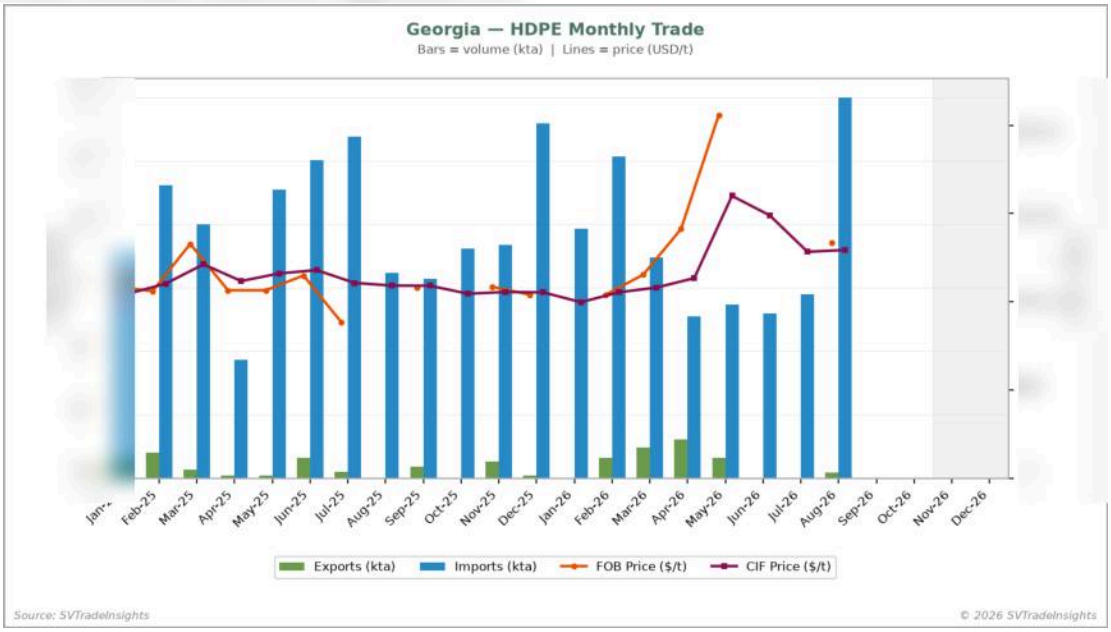


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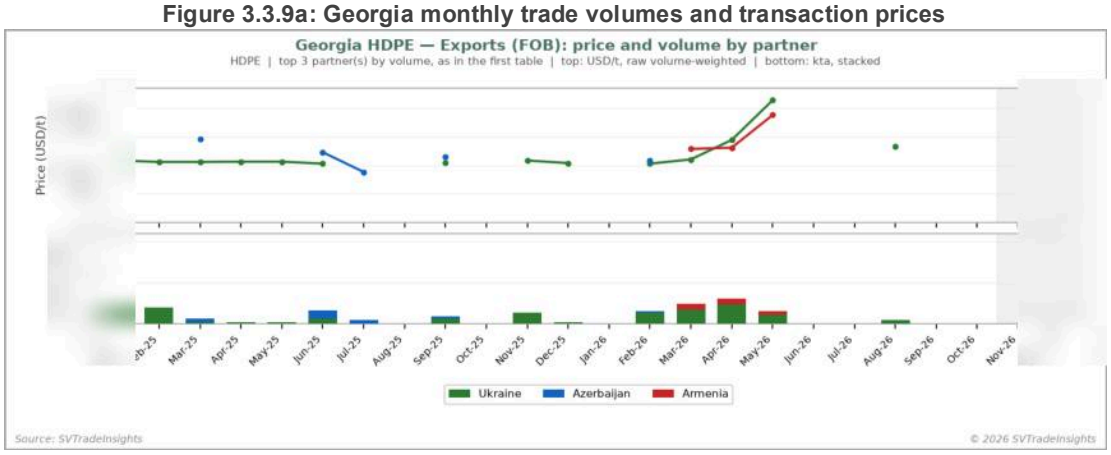


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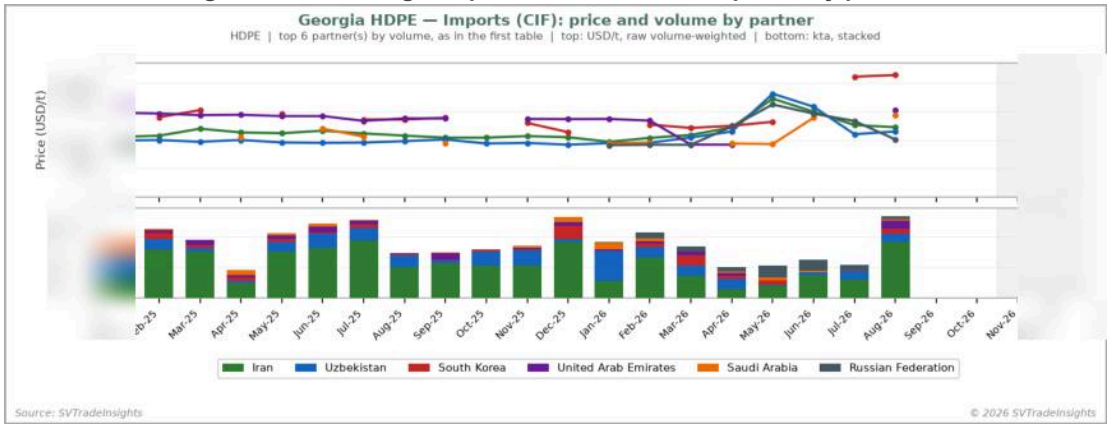


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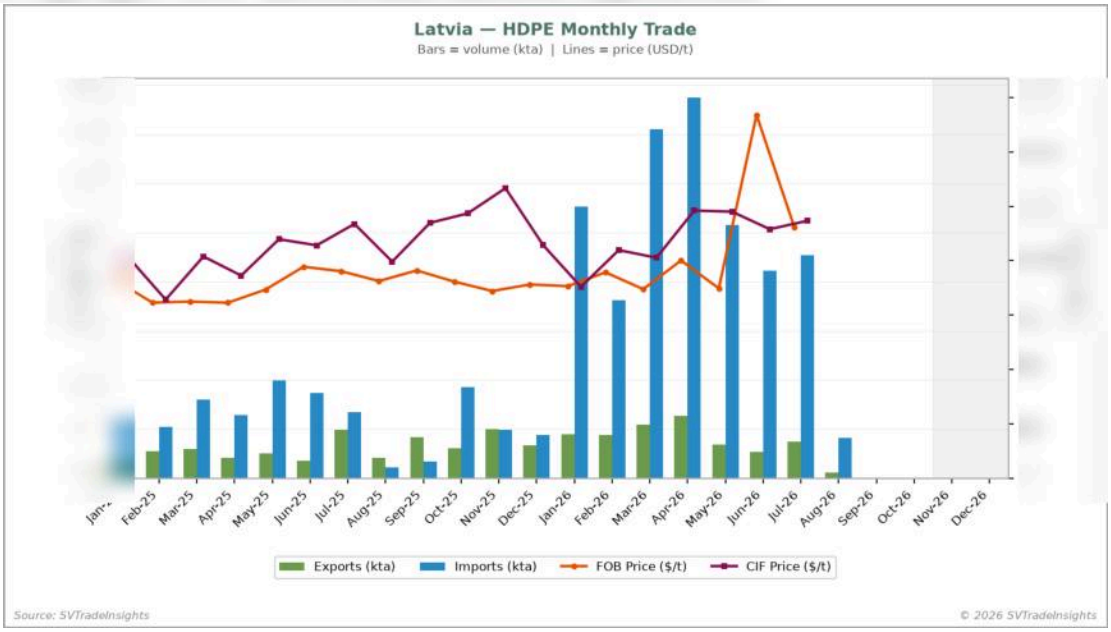


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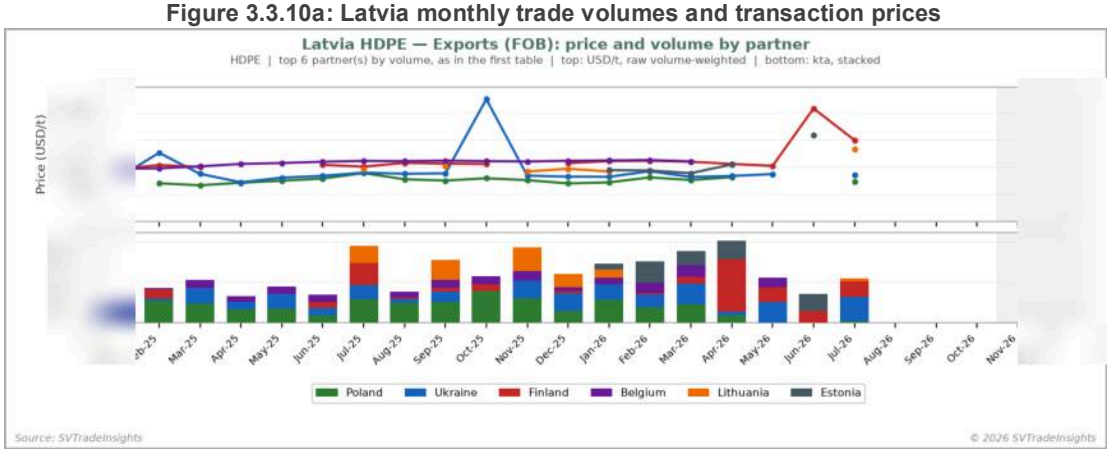


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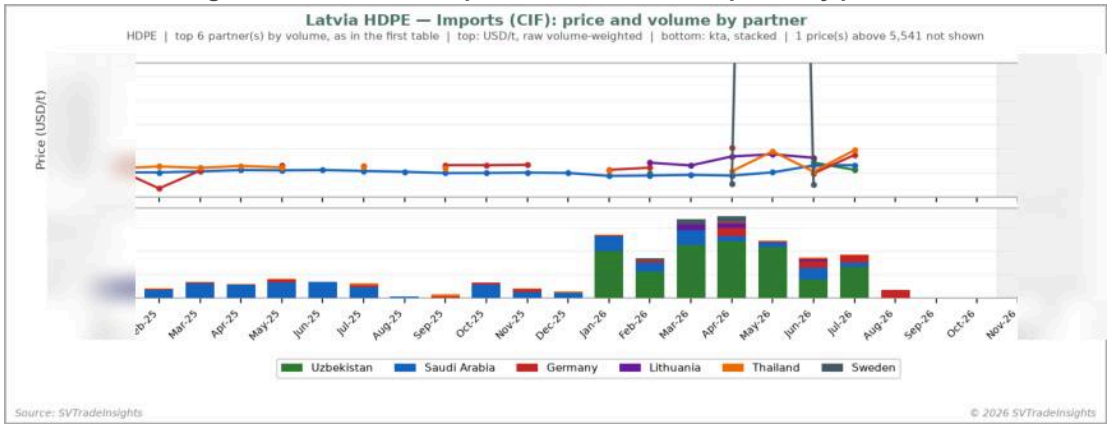


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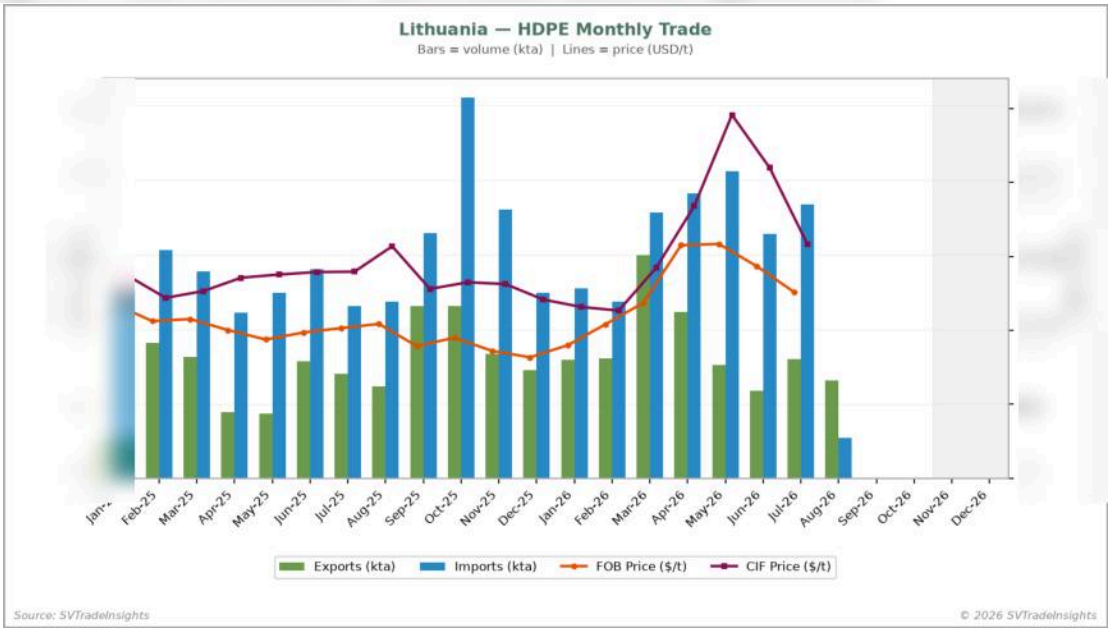


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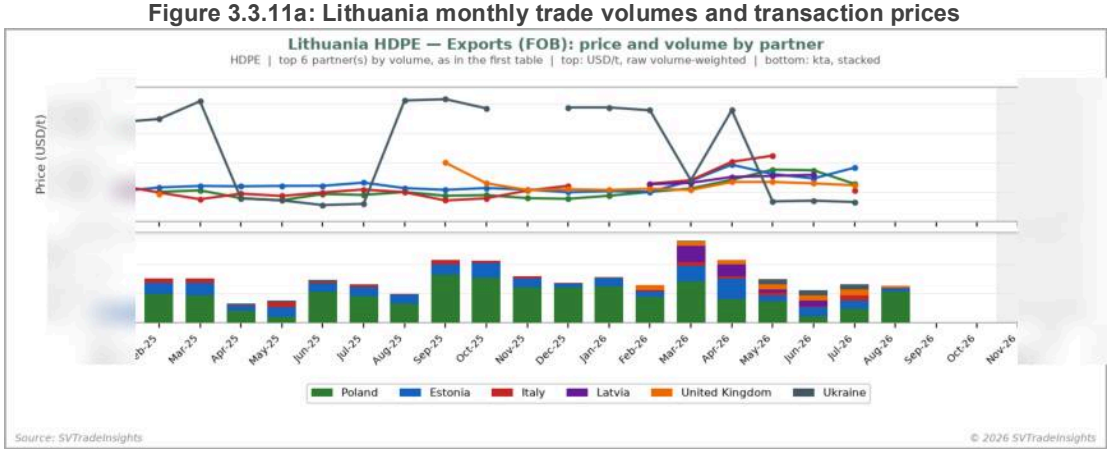


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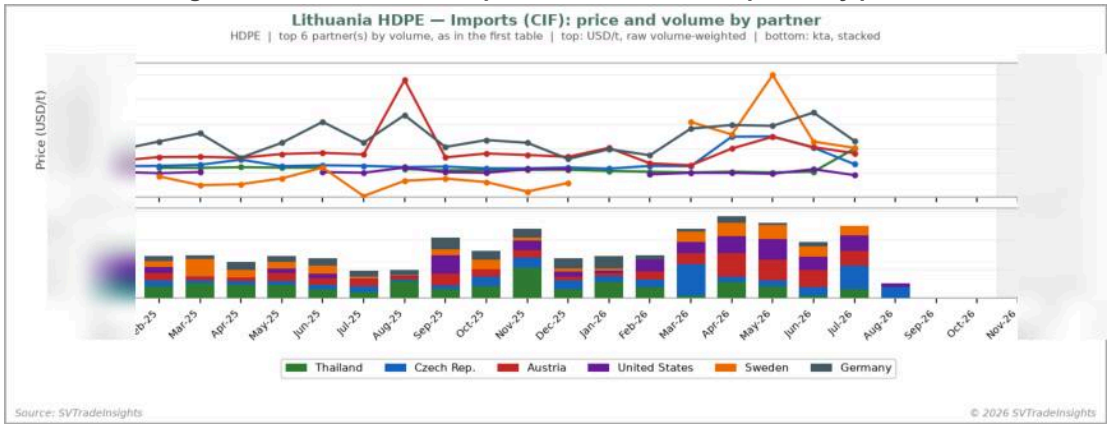


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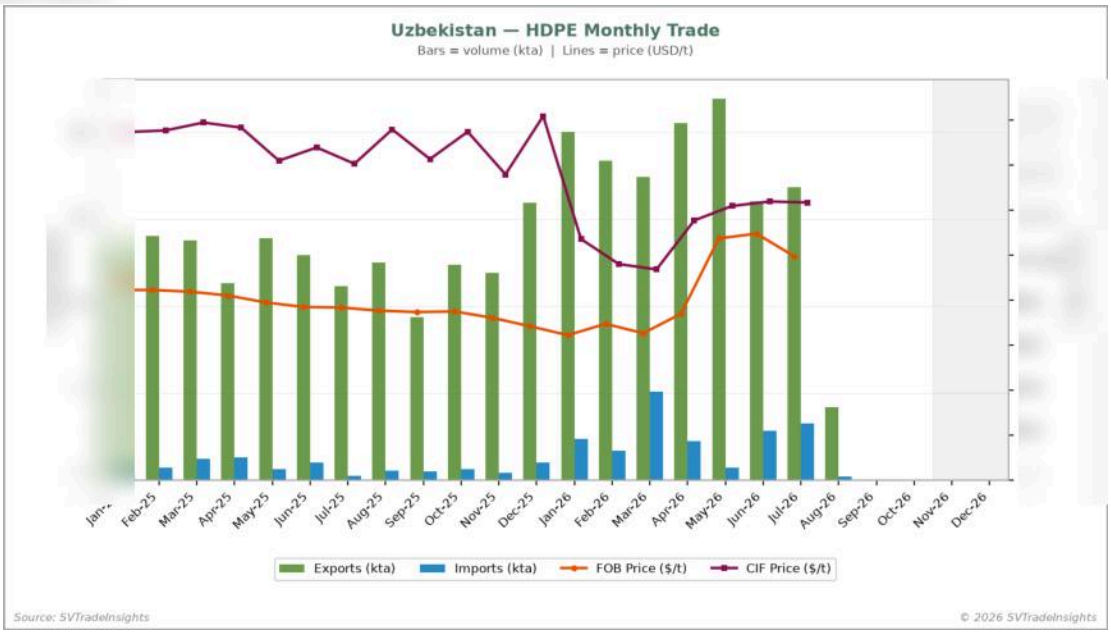


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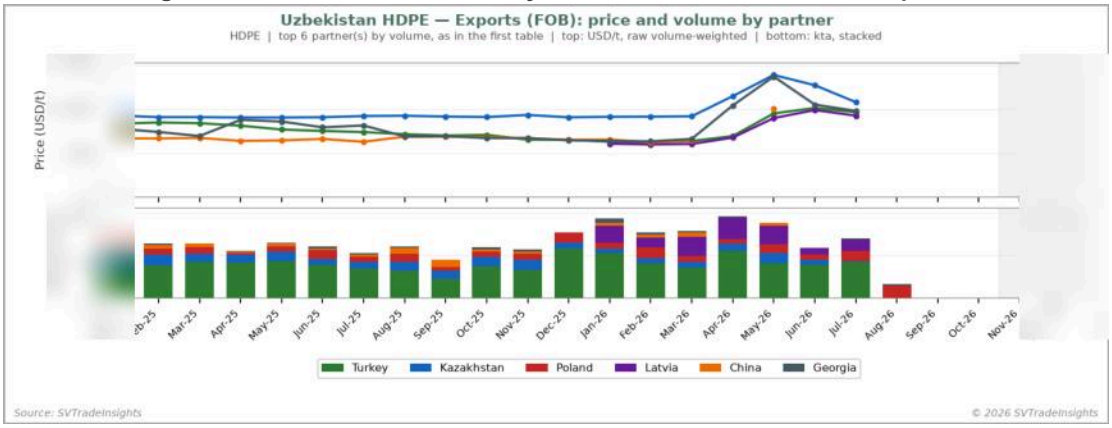


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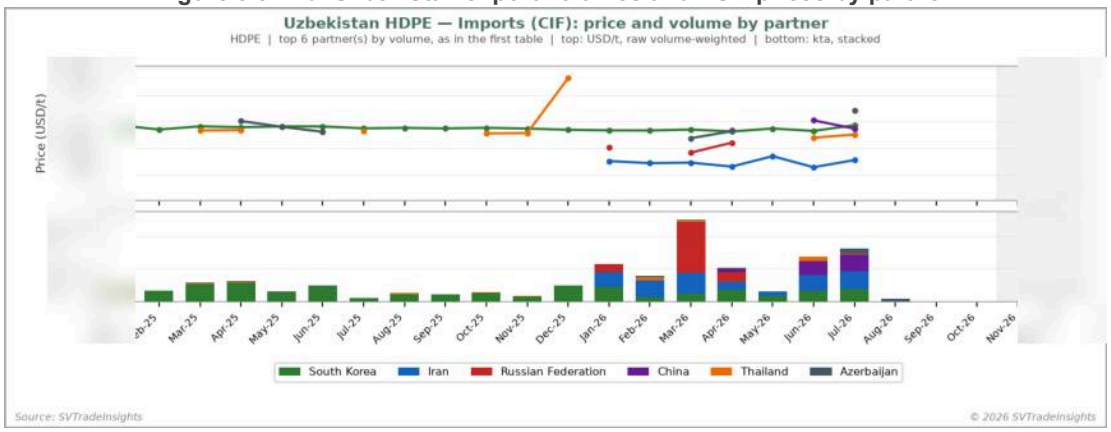


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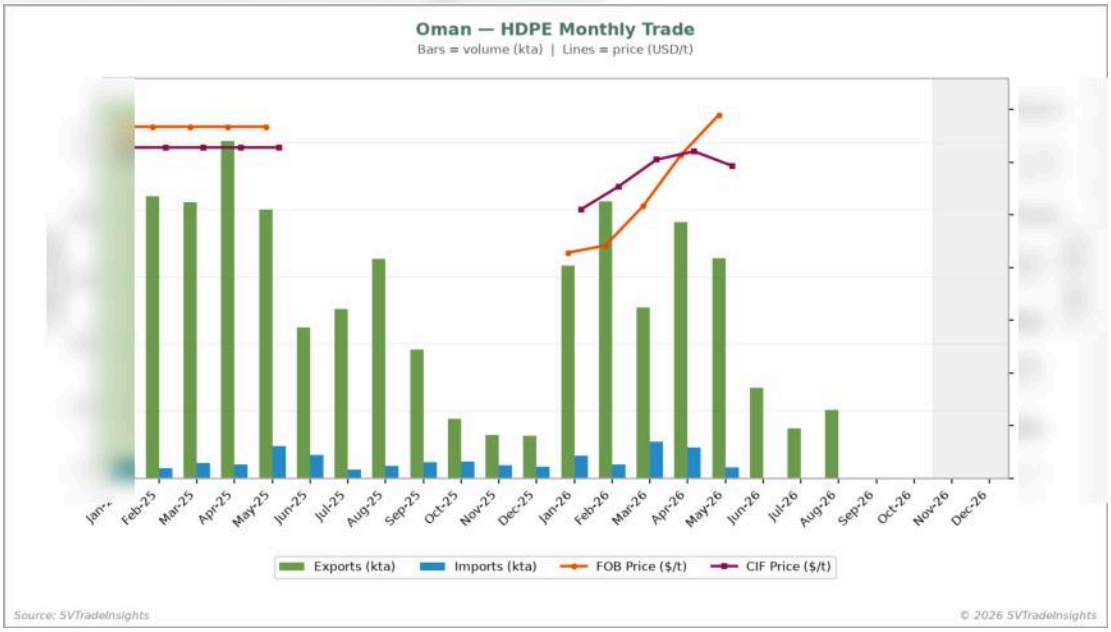


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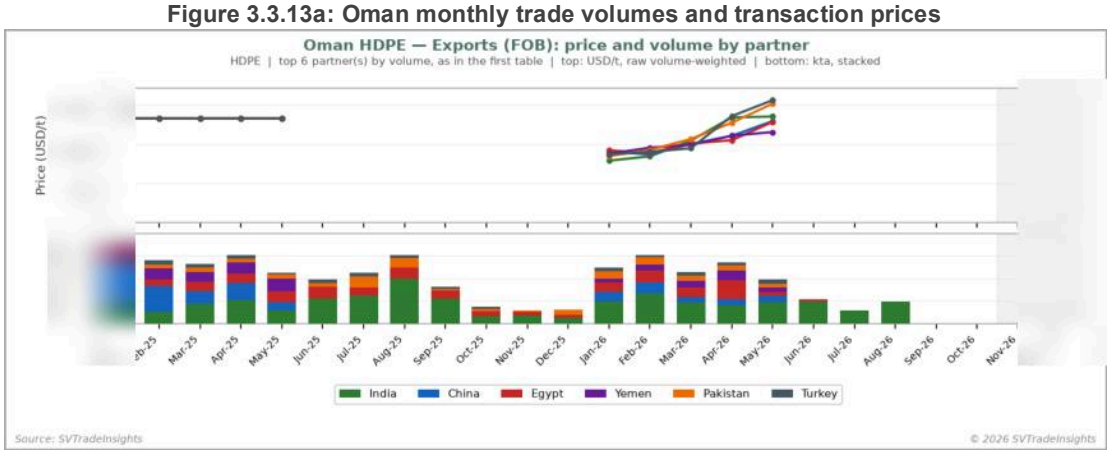


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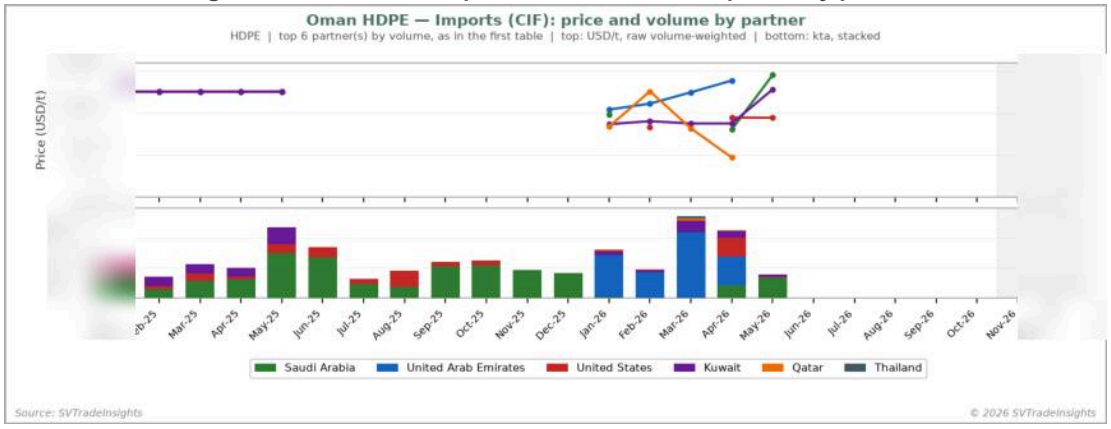


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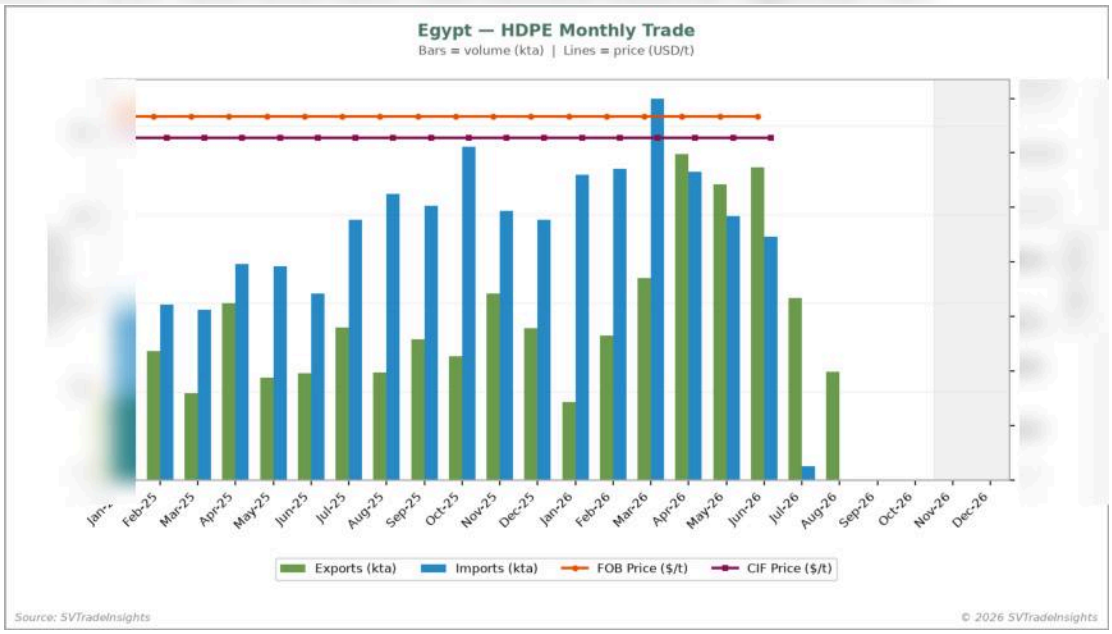


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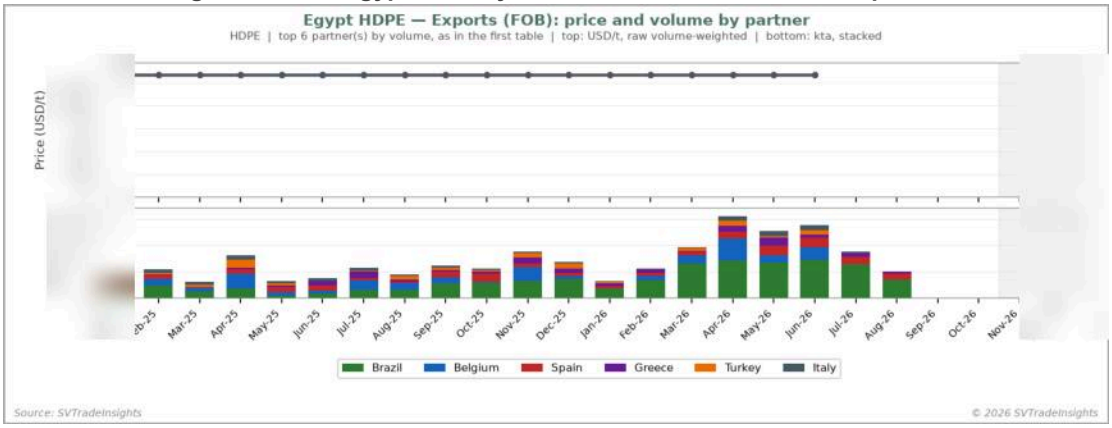


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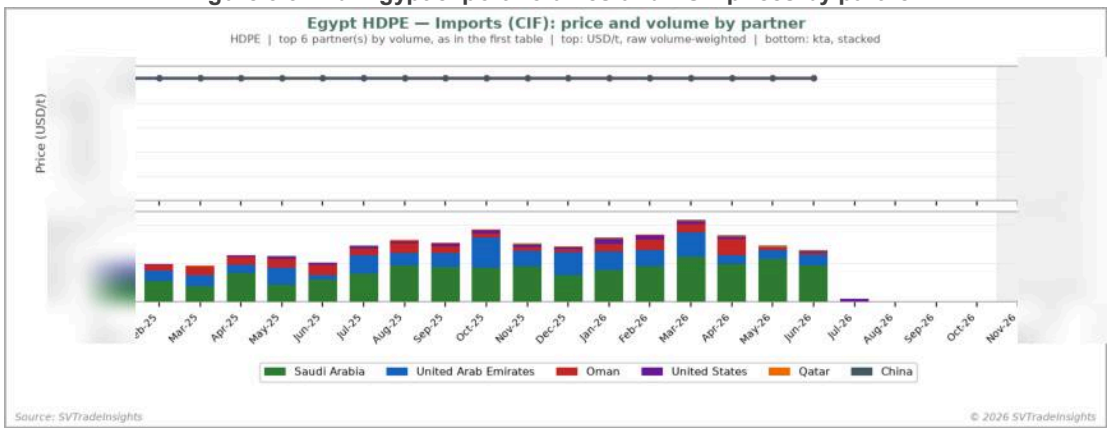


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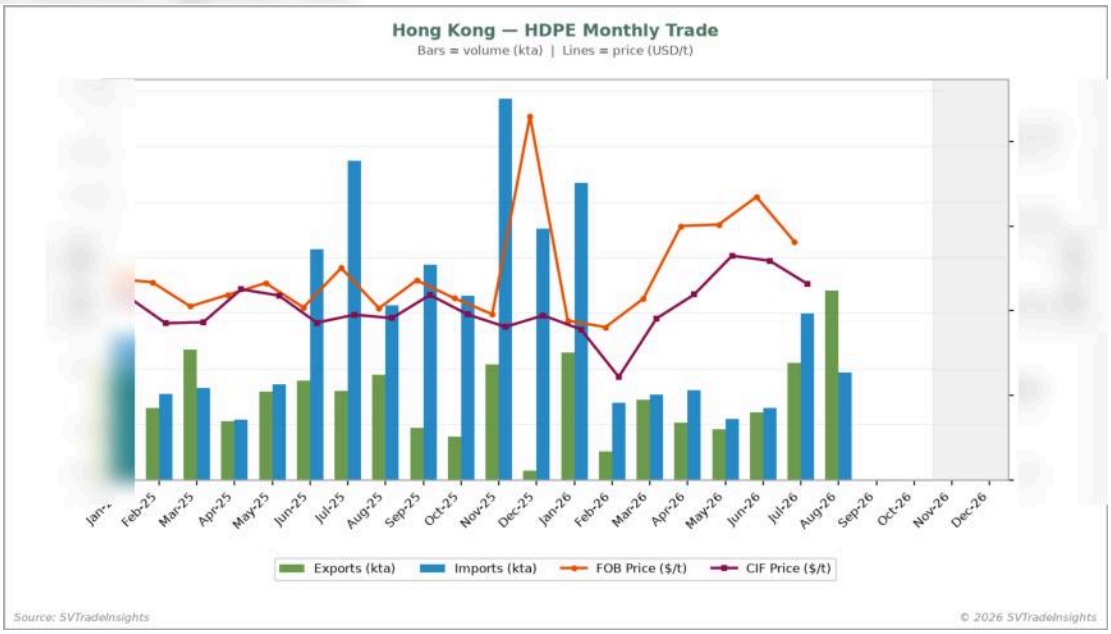


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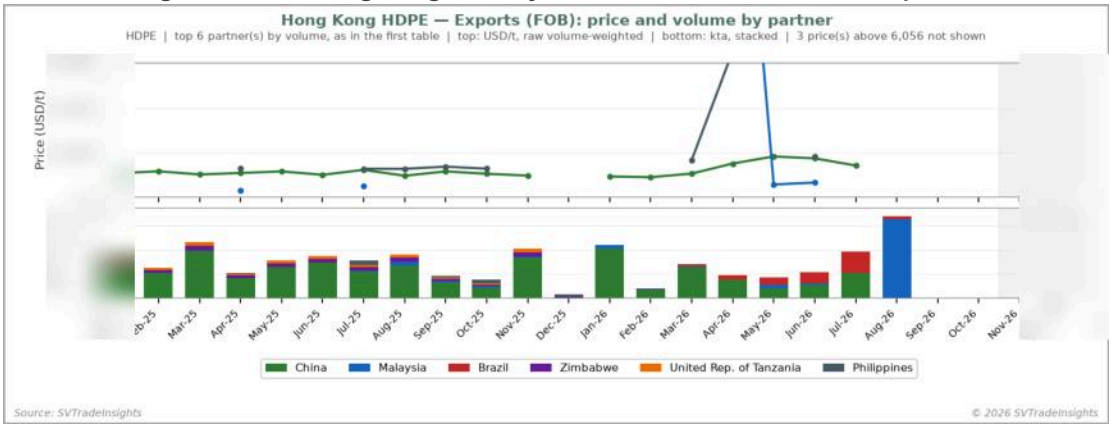


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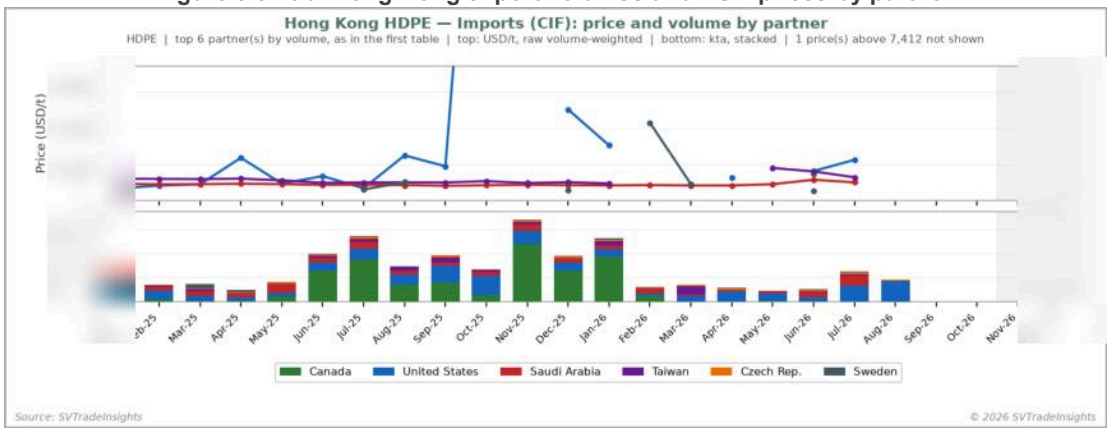


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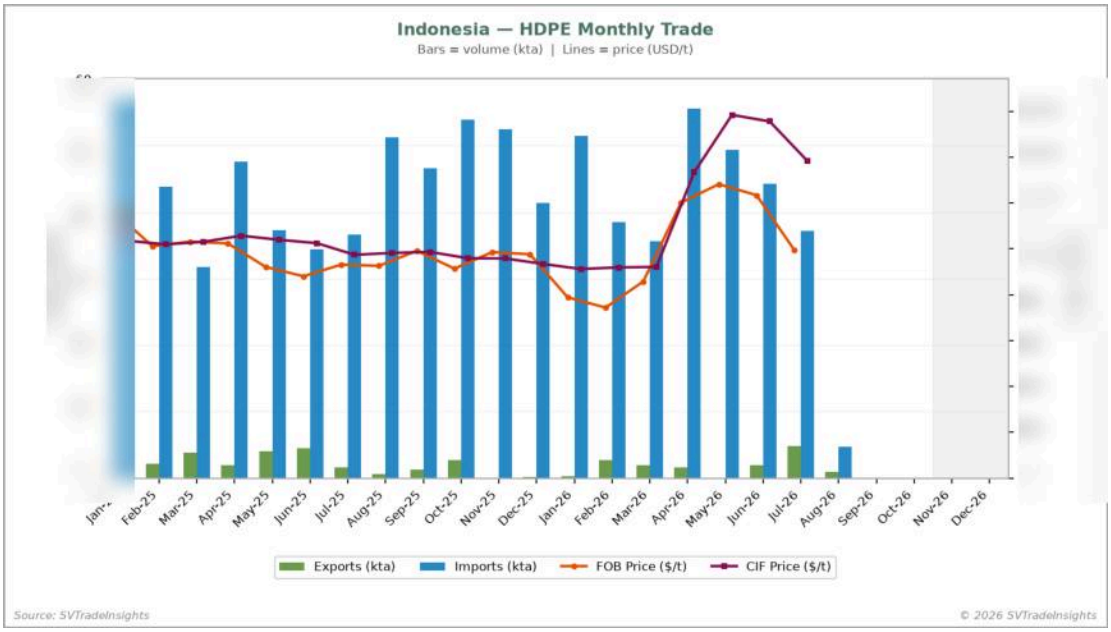


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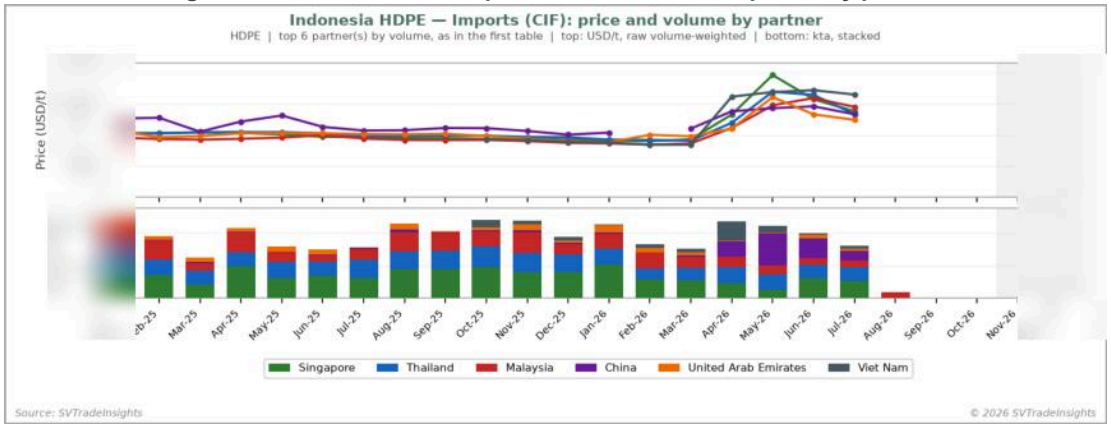


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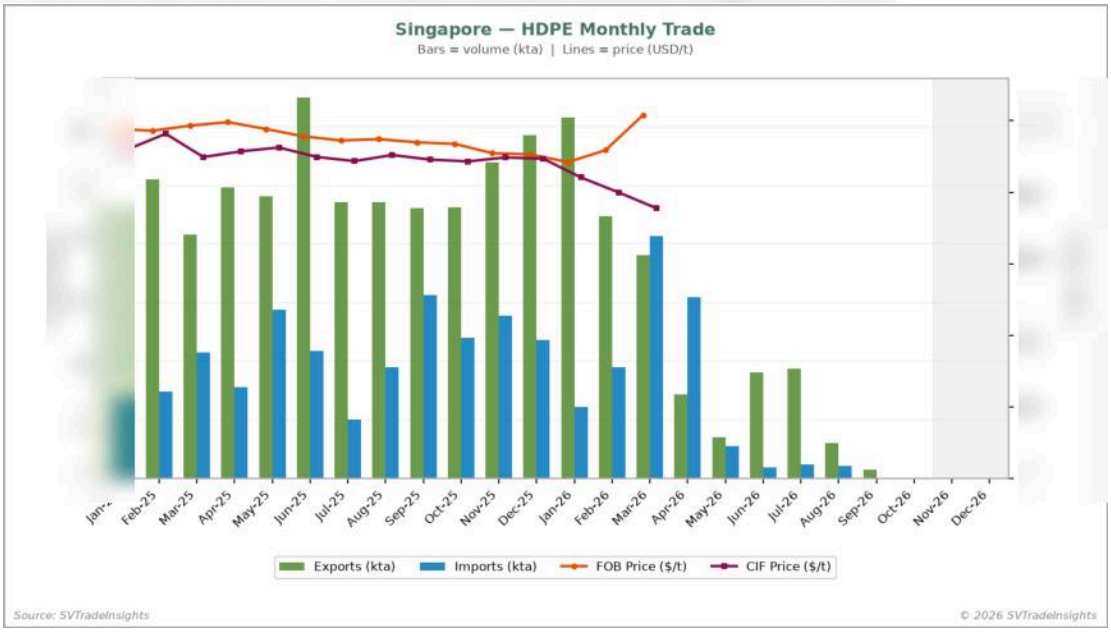


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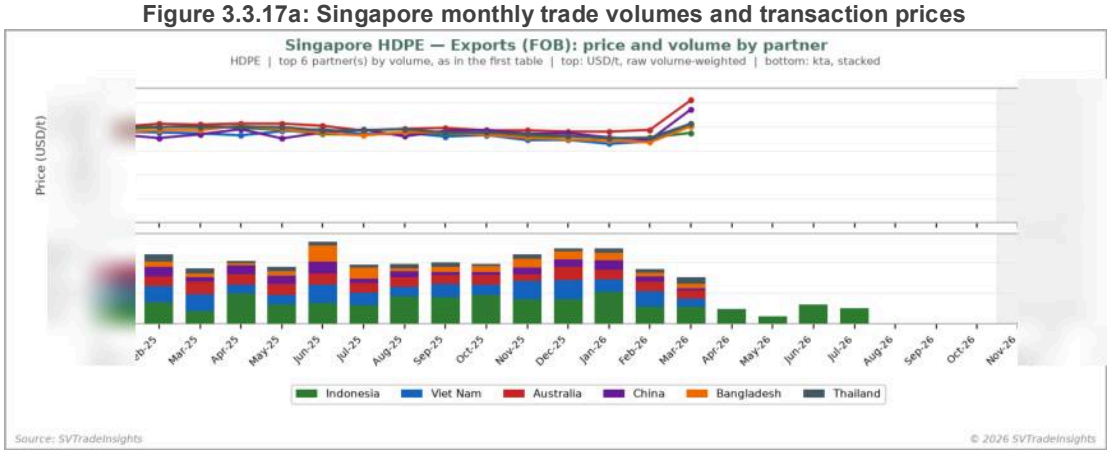


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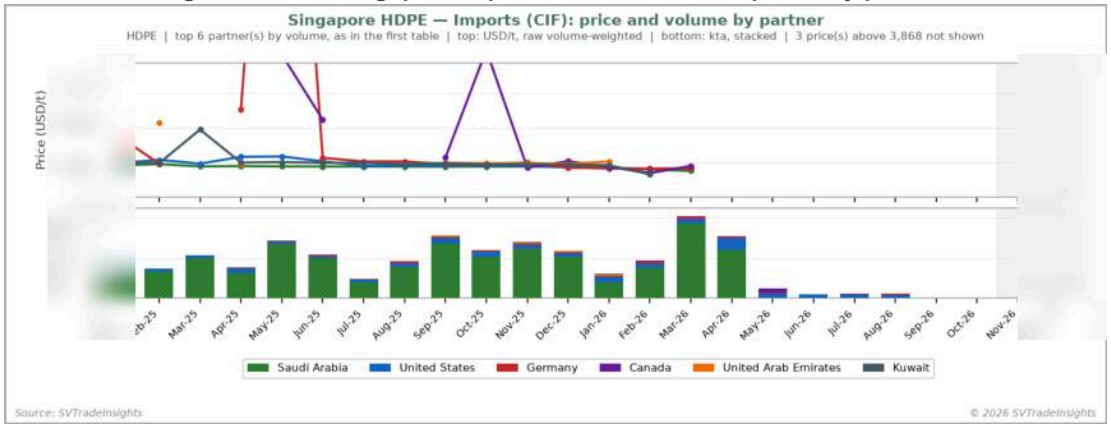


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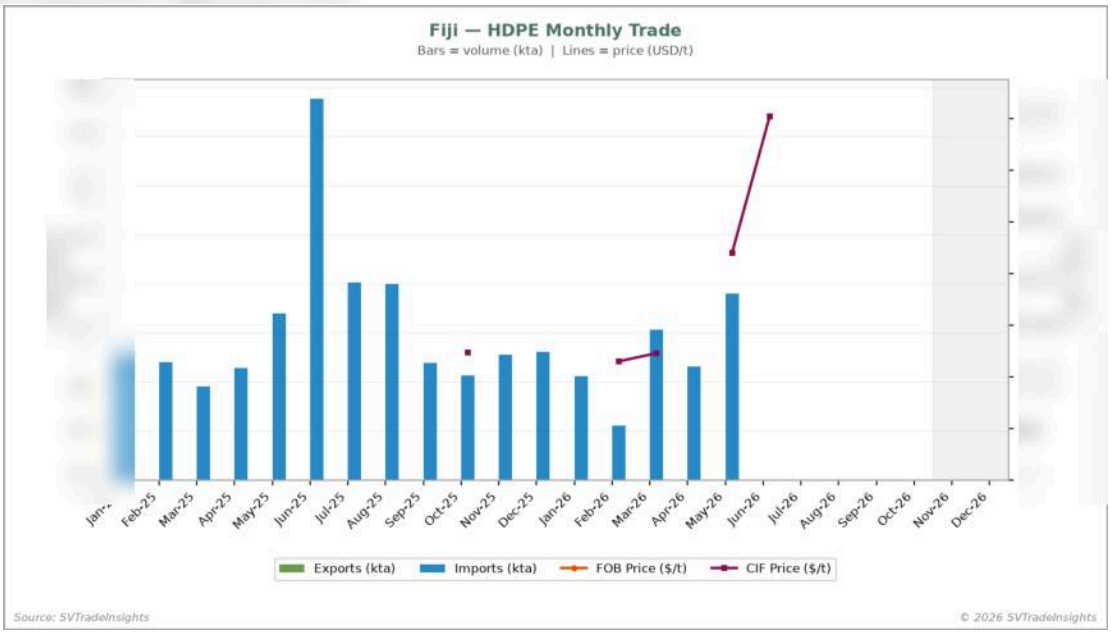


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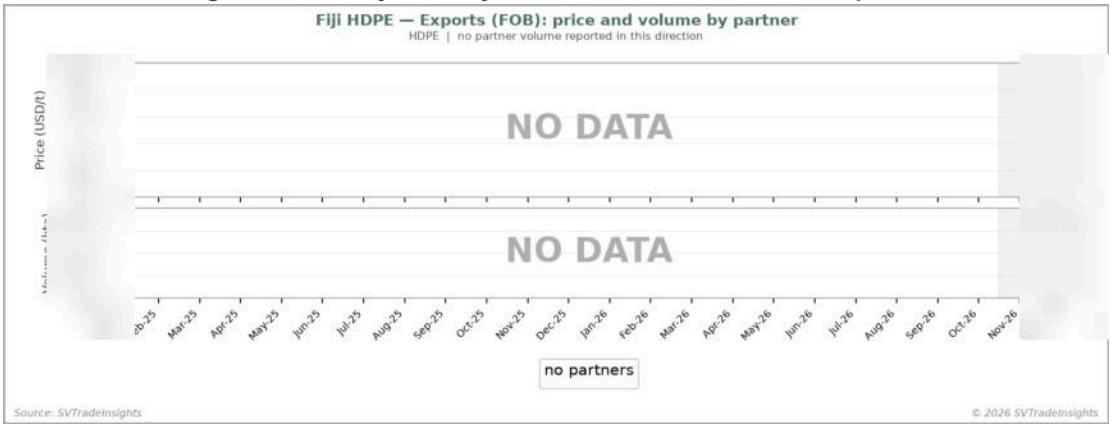


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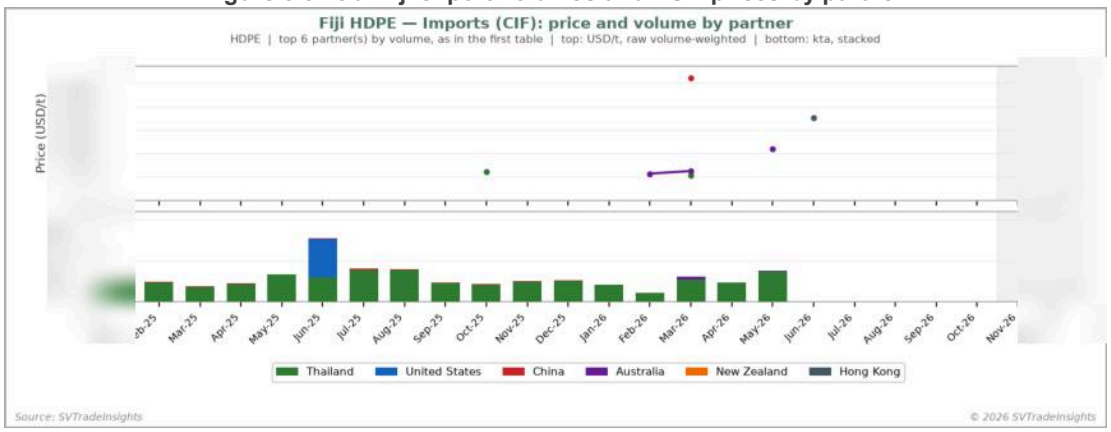


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4. Methodology and Limitations

Monthly Volume Preparation and Transaction Prices follow separate paths. Reconciled bilateral quantities create a consistent trade record. Monthly customs-derived prices remain unfiltered so readers can see recorded price movements, including unusual observations. These values may reflect reporting errors or transaction differences and should be reviewed alongside trade volumes and filing coverage.

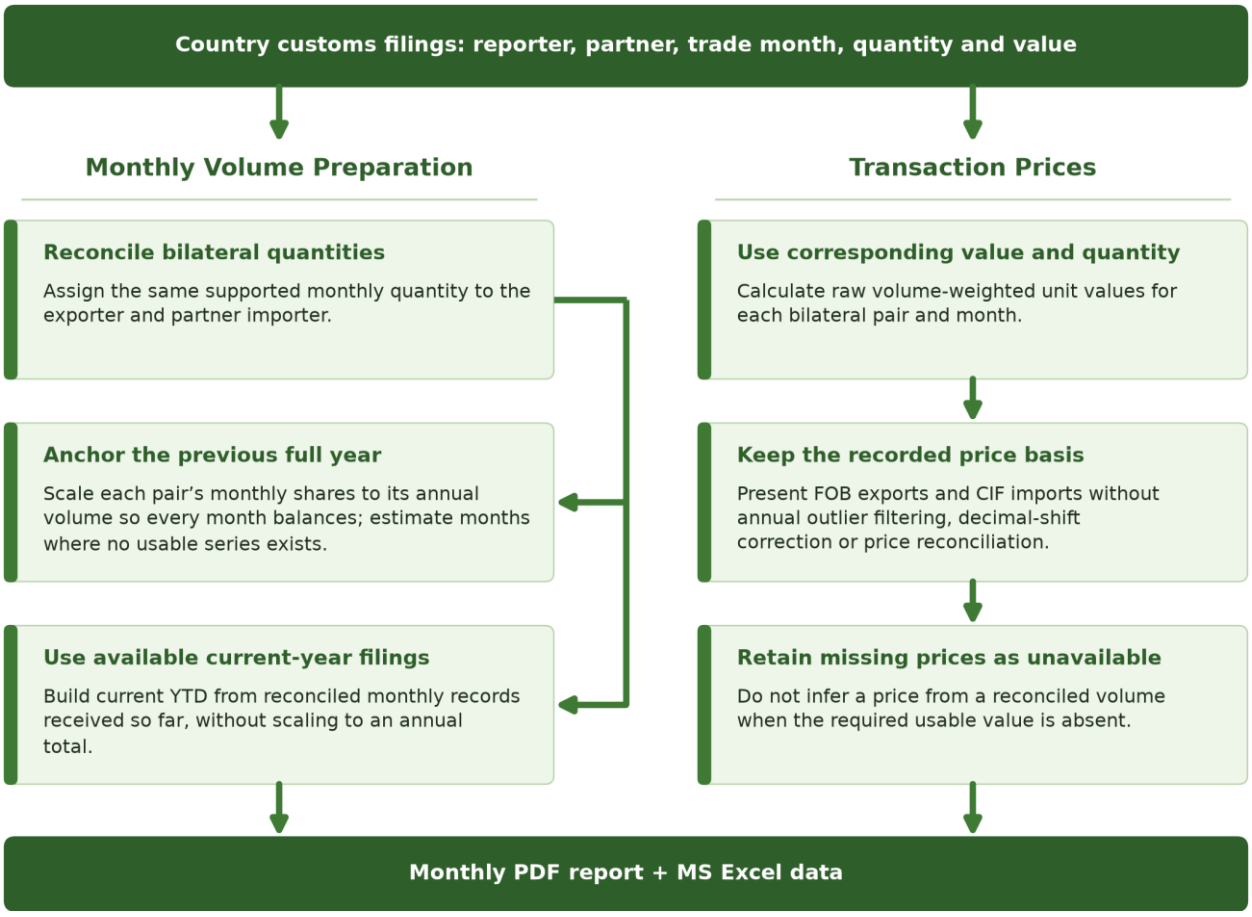


Figure 4.1: Monthly Report Methodology

4.1. Data Sources and Preparation

The analysis uses bilateral customs records reconciled and prepared by SVTradeInsights. Product coverage follows the HDPE definition in the Introduction. Reporting periods, product classifications, currencies, quantities and units are standardized while original observations and analytical estimates remain distinct.

For statistical presentation, the term "country" includes countries, economies and separately reporting territories or customs markets for which distinct trade codes are available. Their separate presentation and assignment to regional groups are for analytical convenience only and do not express a position on legal status, sovereignty, political affiliation, frontiers or boundaries.

4.2. Reconciliation and Monthly Trade Balance

- Raw records and mirror evidence. Monthly records begin as downloaded customs observations. Exporter declarations are compared with corresponding partner-importer declarations; missing reports and differences in timing, classification, coverage and measurement are reviewed.
- Quantity review. Noise, implausible quantities, unsupported spikes and exports inconsistent with available capacity evidence are reviewed. Genuine trade, re-export and transit activity is retained. Reconciliation does not imply that the original customs declarations agreed.
- One bilateral analytical volume. Each accepted exporter–importer relationship uses one analytical volume on both sides. Global analytical exports therefore equal imports, and global flows are.
- Completed-year alignment. The 2025 monthly series is scaled to completed-year annual volumes. Bilateral scaling makes each pair's twelve months reproduce its annual volume, aligning the resulting reporter exports, reporter imports and global totals with the annual dataset.

- Annual screening of completed-year relationships. A 2025 relationship excluded from the annual analytical result is excluded from the corresponding completed-year monthly volumes. This treatment is distinct from the reconciliation of the current incomplete year.
- Estimated completed-year months. Where an accepted annual relationship has no usable monthly observations on either side, its annual volume is allocated using the exporter's monthly pattern, the importer's pattern where appropriate, or equal monthly shares when neither is usable. These are estimates, not reported monthly observations. They preserve annual totals but qualify the interpretation of monthly timing.
- Incomplete-year treatment. The 2026 observations are reconciled month by month without completed-year annual scaling or an annual benchmark. Missing current-year months are not filled from 2025 annual volumes. The completed-year and incomplete-year bases remain separate in comparisons.
- Balances and flows. Net trade is exports less imports; gross trade flows measure accepted bilateral movements. Monthly allocations can differ from raw downloads and from differently grouped annual presentations. Such differences are not in themselves errors, while completed-year reporter and global controls remain applicable.
- Prices and quantities. Reconciled volumes and reported monthly prices have distinct roles. Monthly prices retain the published reported series and do not undergo annual price cleaning unless that treatment is explicitly applied in the monthly source. No missing price is inferred from an available volume.
- Grouping and route changes. Material routes are named and smaller observations may be grouped for readability. All accepted activity remains in totals, and material discontinued routes remain in change analysis. An unreported current-year route is not automatically a confirmed cessation of trade.
- Coverage and rounding. Filing dates differ from trade months. Reporting coverage, missing observations, zero-trade reporters and rounding qualify comparisons. Matching calendar months alone does not establish equal reporter coverage. Rounded components may not sum exactly to displayed totals.

4.3. Transaction Prices

Monthly transaction prices are customs-derived prices, shown on an FOB basis for exports and a CIF basis for imports. The monthly series is volume weighted and unfiltered. Annual outlier screening, price-band cleaning and decimal-shift correction are not applied to these published monthly results. Missing or non-reportable prices remain unavailable. Small shipments, product and transaction mix, transfer pricing, contract timing and valuation conventions can create large differences or apparent discontinuities. Regional price ranges are not available trading margins. National and regional summary prices use reported aggregate observations; country chart prices use available bilateral observations and their price-series volume weights. These are distinct published series, so differences between their levels or movements are not treated as like-for-like price changes. Reconciled trade quantities shown in bars and tables are not substituted for missing price observations.

4.4. Coverage and Limitations

The regional January–September window is the same in both years, but September 2026 contains very few filings and October onward is unreported. Country discussions identify their own available comparison windows, which can include partner evidence beyond the reporter's latest filing. Price observations may end earlier than volume observations. Coverage by volume uses 2025 reported-volume weights rather than an estimate of actual 2026 trade received. The results alone do not establish changes in consumption, production, capacity, inventories or executable market prices.

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