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Executive Overview

North America remains the principal recorded ethylene supplier and Western Europe the main net importing region. Global reported ethylene trade flows total 2,117.3 thousand metric tons for January–August 2026 against 4,092.0 in the same months of 2025. Incomplete current-year reporting accounts for part of this difference, so it cannot be read as a complete measure of market contraction.

The October release contains 22 current-month filings and a further 19 September filings, as shown in Figure 1. Filing dates and trade months differ, so the newest observations should be interpreted in the context of incomplete current-year reporting coverage.

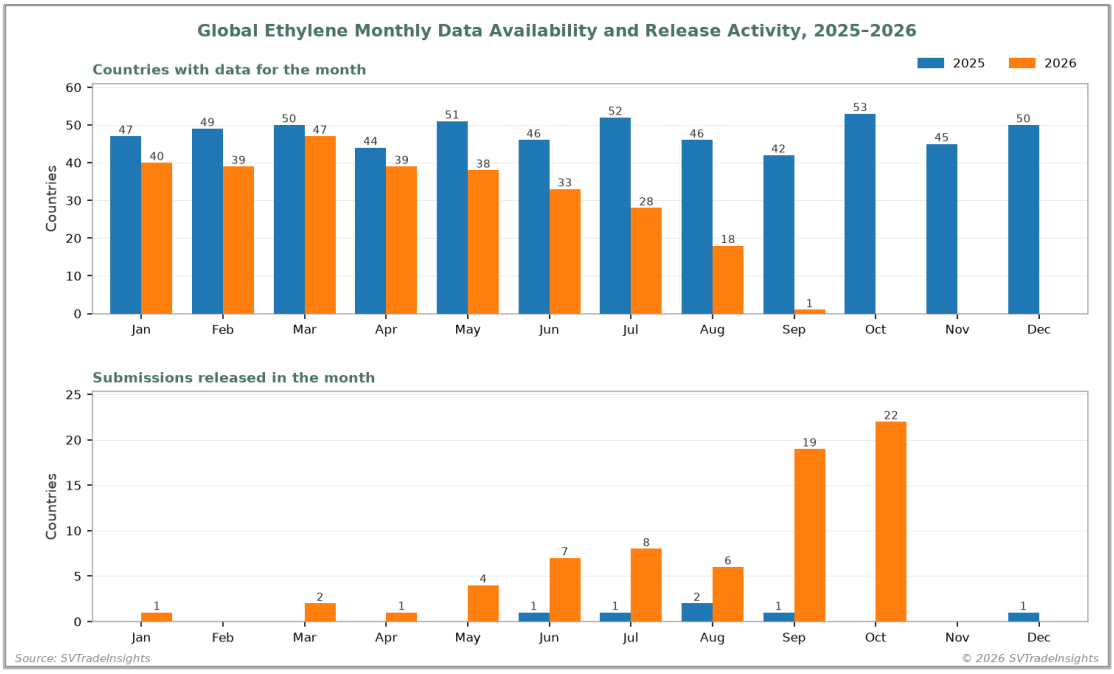

Figure 1.1: Ethylene monthly data availability and release activity, 2025–2026

North America was the principal surplus region. Its January–August balance increased from 570.1 thousand metric tons in 2025 to 899.6 in the available 2026 record, with the monthly surplus reaching 205.6 in May before easing to 75.9 in July. Western Europe remained the largest deficit region: its matched-period deficit widened from 498.1 to 755.3, including a 170.9 deficit in May 2026 before narrowing to 42.0 in July.

Northeast Asia remained a net importing region over the matched period, although its deficit narrowed from 154.7 thousand metric tons in 2025 to 64.0 in the available 2026 record and briefly changed to surplus in April. Southeast Asia recorded a 45.9 surplus over January–August 2026, but the monthly position shifted from strong early-year surpluses to deficits from April through July. The Middle East's matched-period surplus fell from 167.7 to 22.2, while the Indian Subcontinent remained in deficit at 80.8.

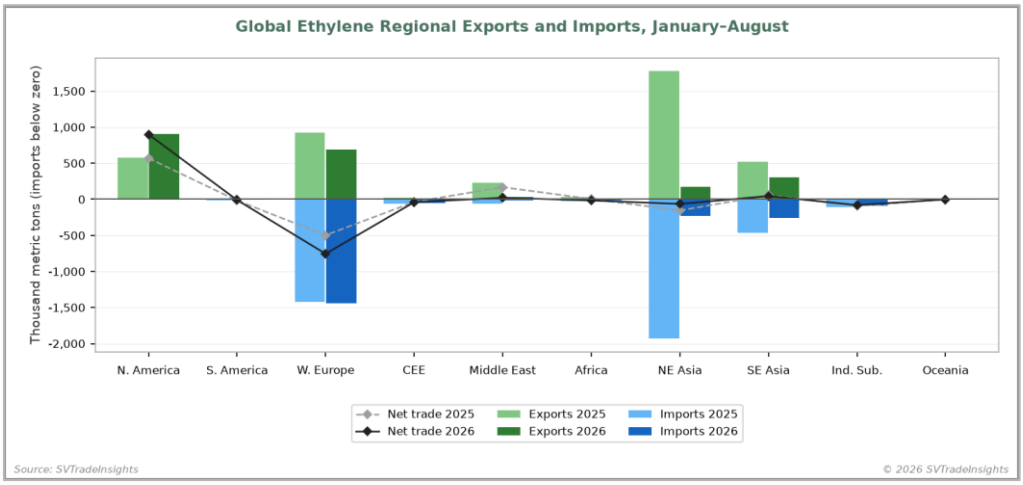

Figure 2.1: Ethylene regional exports and imports, January–August

Western European export Prices strengthened from USD 989 per metric ton in February 2026 to USD 1,567 in May before easing to USD 1,284 in August. North America recovered from USD 562 in February to USD 934 in June, then fell to USD 751 in July. Northeast Asia ended August at USD 823. These reported regional series differ in shipment mix and coverage; exceptional values on small shipments do not establish comparable bulk-market quotations.

Among the October filers, Japan recorded 120.9 thousand metric tons of exports, Malaysia 94.0 and Norway 91.2, while Germany and Italy recorded imports of 243.1 and 251.4 thousand metric tons respectively. Japan's China-bound FOB price recovered from USD 615 per metric ton in March to USD 841 in August. Malaysia's Indonesia-bound FOB price rose from USD 570 in February to USD 1,345 in April, while its Indonesian import price eased from USD 1,013 in March to USD 792 in July. Germany's Dutch import price recovered from USD 772 in October 2025 to USD 1,168 in August 2026 after reaching USD 1,235 in July. These movements reflect the available filings and differing shipment mixes rather than a complete market-price series.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Report Purpose and Scope

Ethylene is the simplest olefin and a key petrochemical building block. Its principal applications include high-density, low-density and linear low-density polyethylene; ethylene oxide and ethylene glycol for antifreeze and polyethylene terephthalate; ethylbenzene and styrene for polystyrene; vinyl chloride for polyvinyl chloride; and linear alpha-olefins. Ethylene also acts as a plant hormone and is used commercially in fruit ripening.

This report uses statistical trade data to support monthly market monitoring, including but not limited to short-term trade planning, price monitoring and price-setting. It covers the full-year 2025 and the available 2026 record, with month-on-month and year-on-year comparisons. The global matched period is January–August; individual reporting markets may have an earlier or later latest observation. Volumes are stated in thousand metric tons unless a smaller shipment is expressly described in metric tons. Source charts may abbreviate this quantity as "kta"; monthly values are not annualized. Transaction prices are customs-derived prices in USD per metric ton.

Completed-year 2025 volumes are scaled to reconciled annual totals, whereas incomplete-year 2026 volumes are reconciled month by month without annual scaling. Monthly prices retain the reported series. Country discussion covers the August–October 2026 filing window. The accompanying Excel workbook provides the complete detailed country, bilateral and regional datasets and country classifications.

1.2. Data Update Record

A filing month is when a reporter releases data and can differ from the latest trade month covered. The Data Update Record shows monthly availability, latest submissions, reporting lags and coverage. The framed August–October columns identify the recent filing window. Coverage includes markets with no trade that are treated as up to date, so an availability cell does not always represent a positive customs filing.

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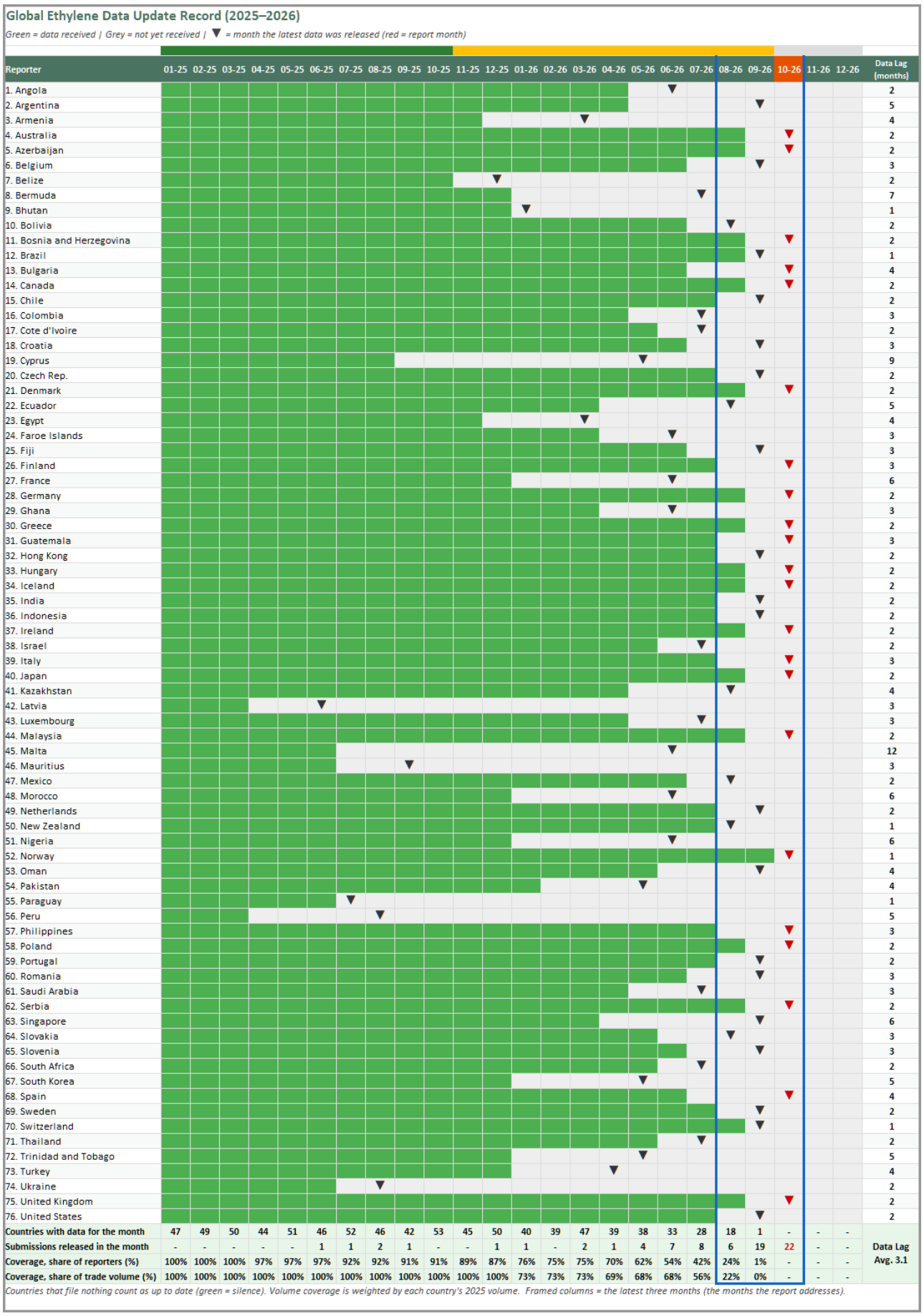

Global Ethylene Data Update Record (2025–2026)

Green = data received | Grey = not yet received | ▼ = month the latest data was released (red = report month)

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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).

2. Global and Regional Monthly/YTD Analysis

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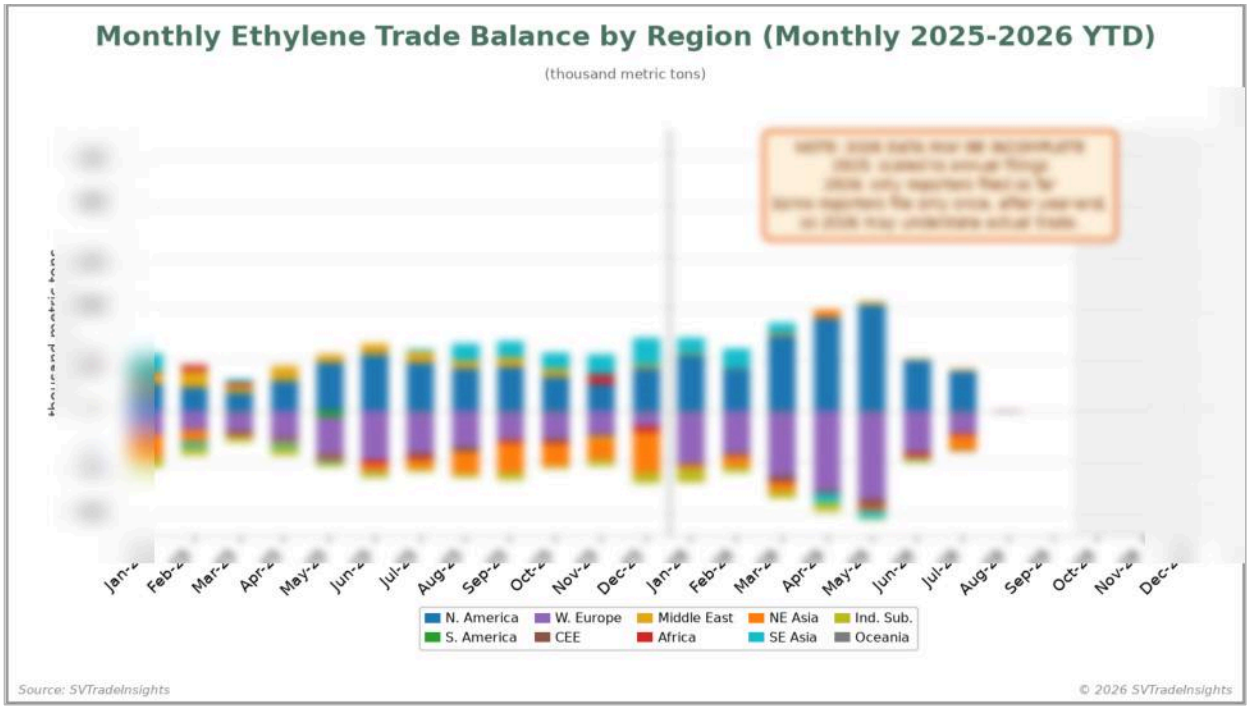

Figure 2.2: Monthly ethylene trade balance by region

3. Monthly Trade Volumes and Prices by Country

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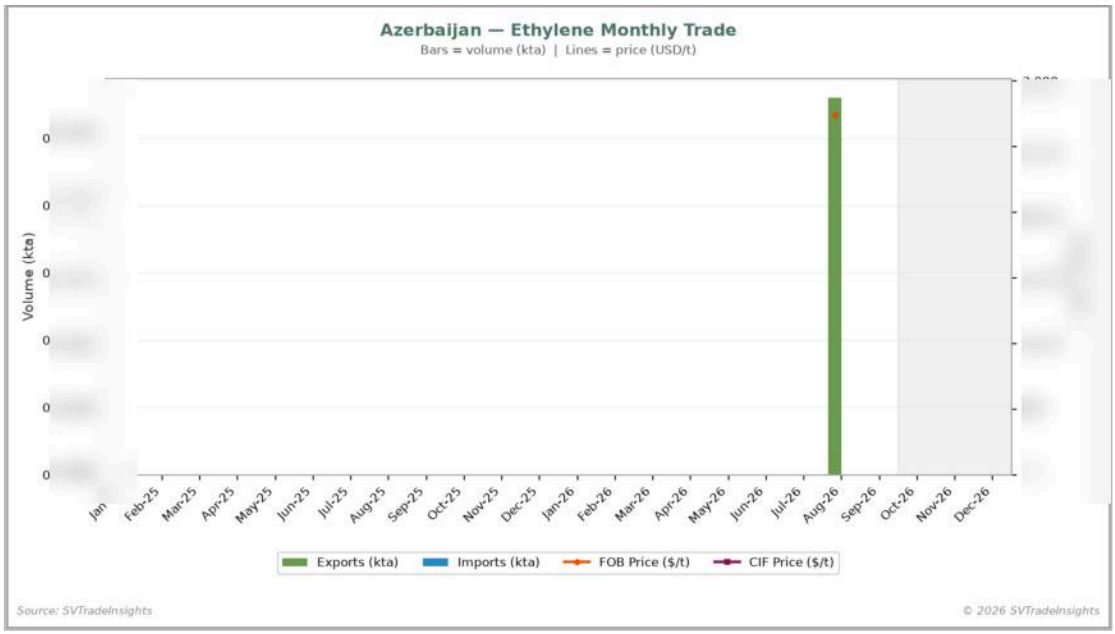

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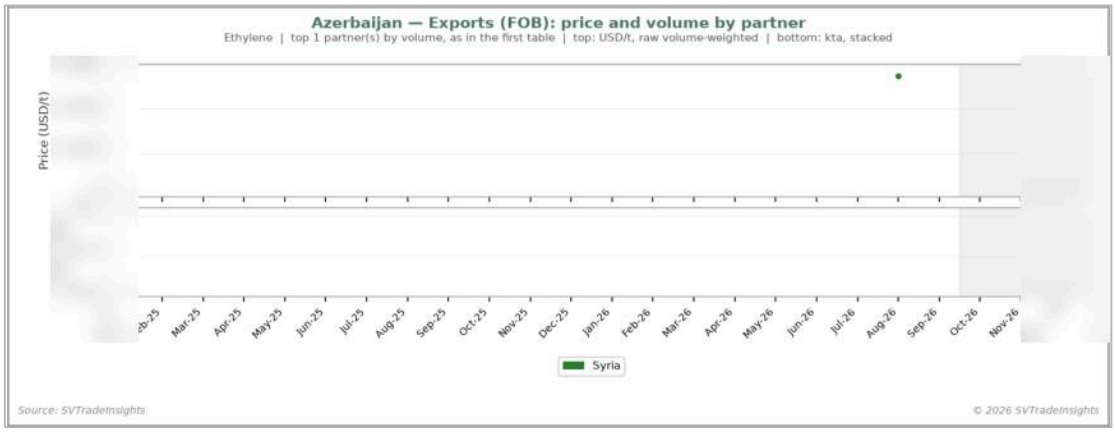

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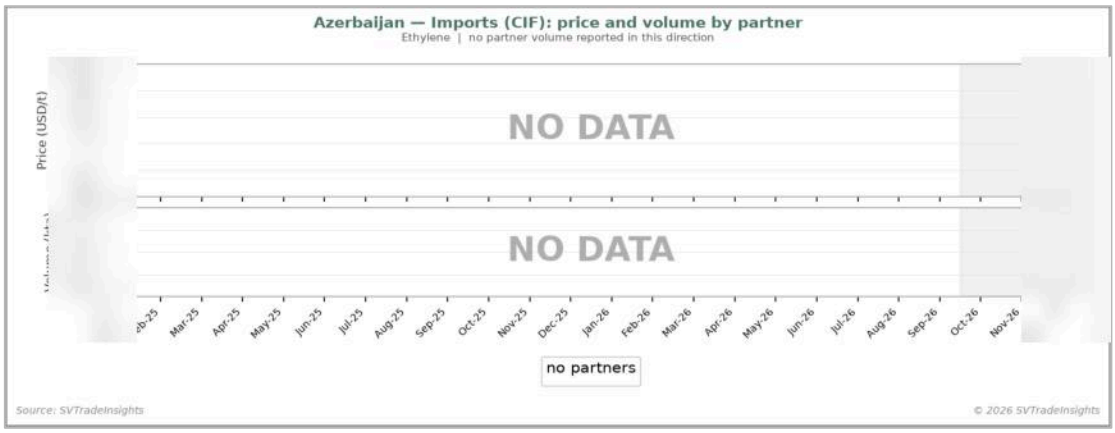

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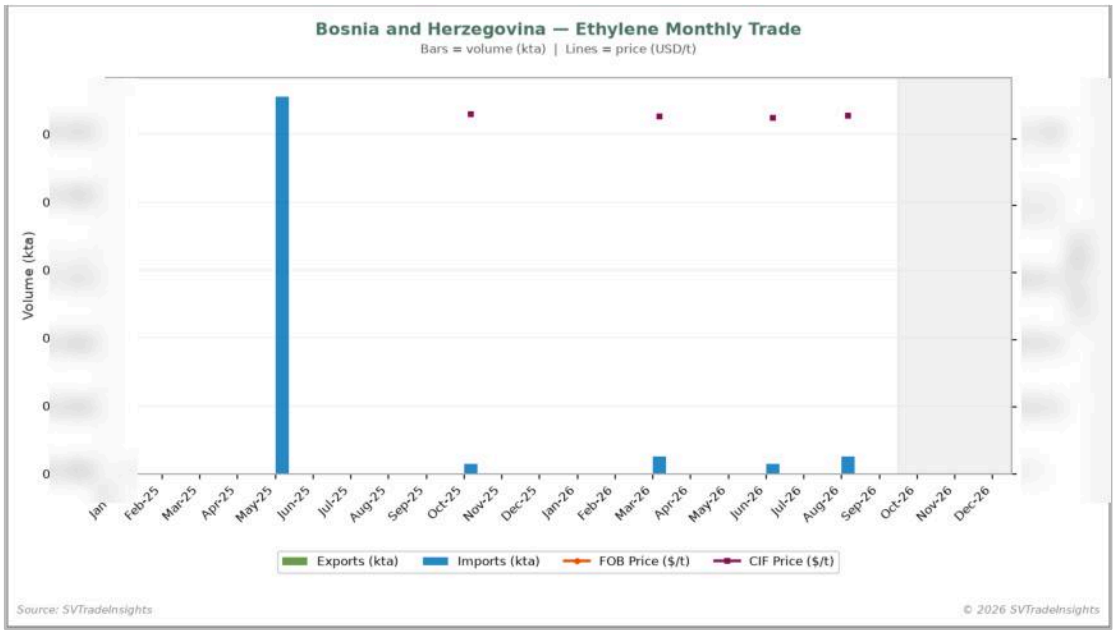

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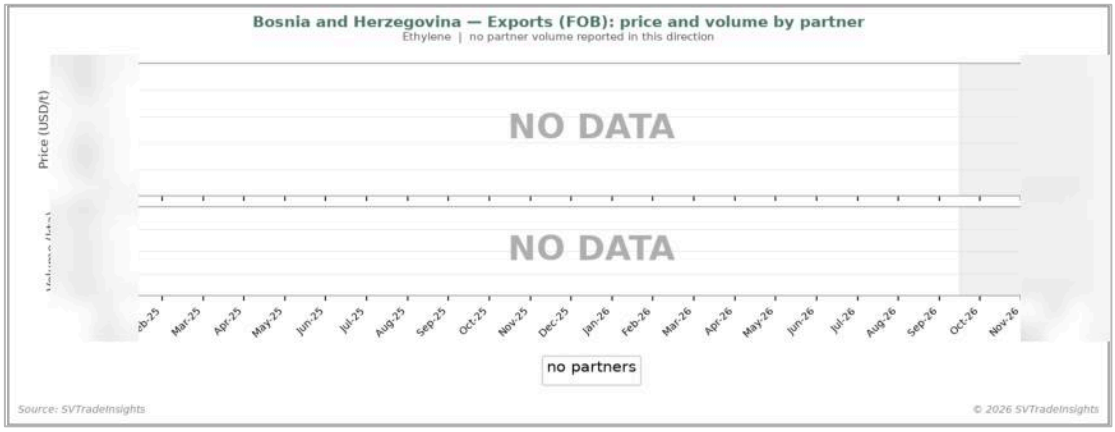

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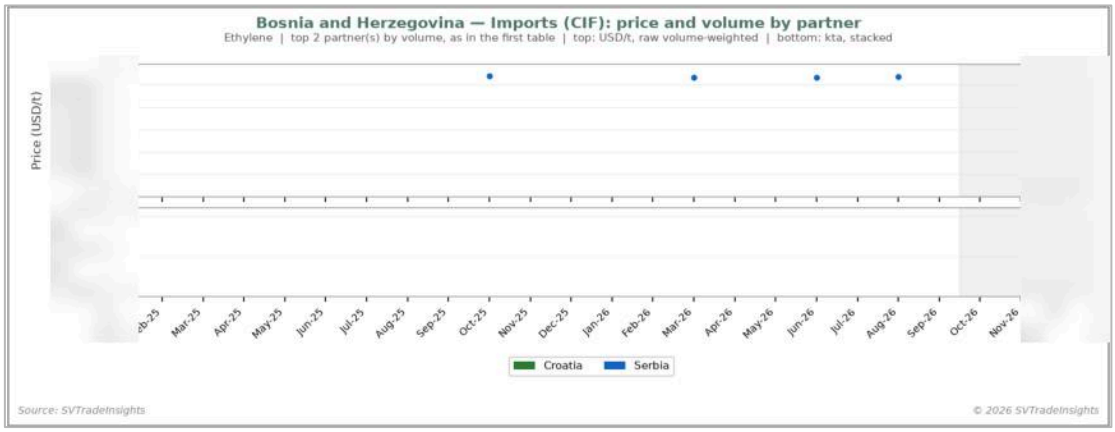

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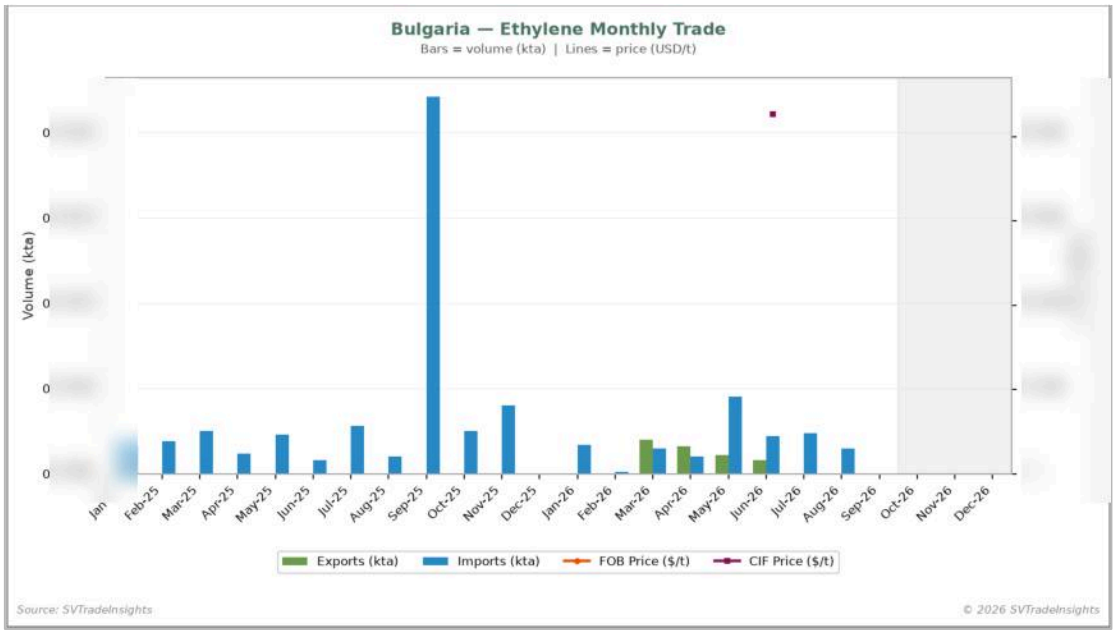

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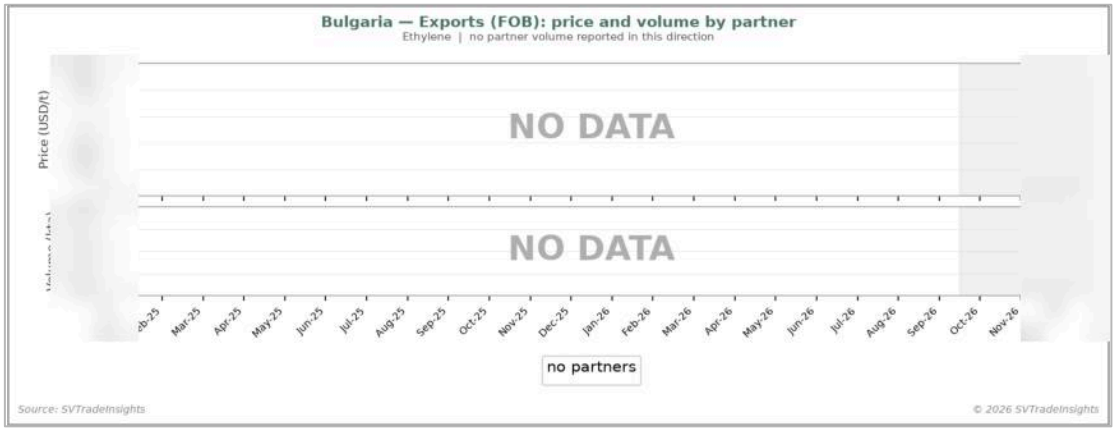

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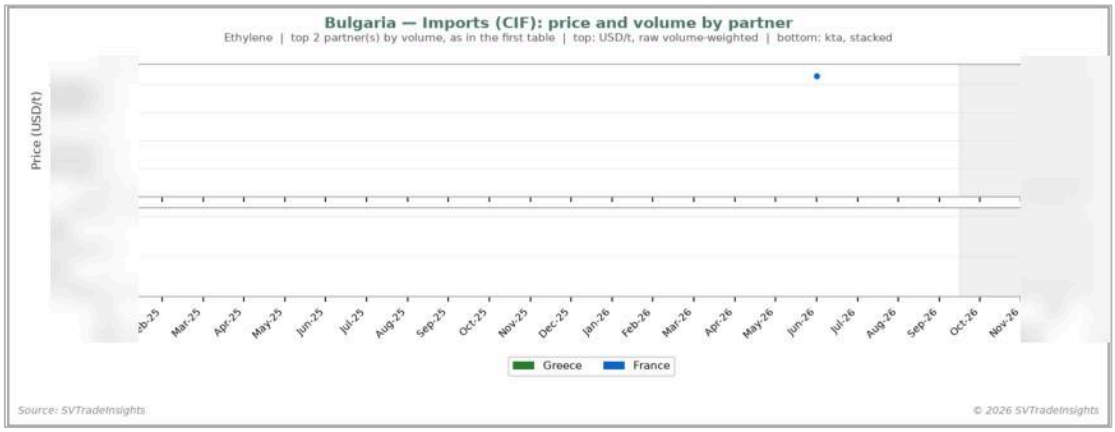

Figure 3.1.3c: Bulgaria import transaction prices and volumes by partner

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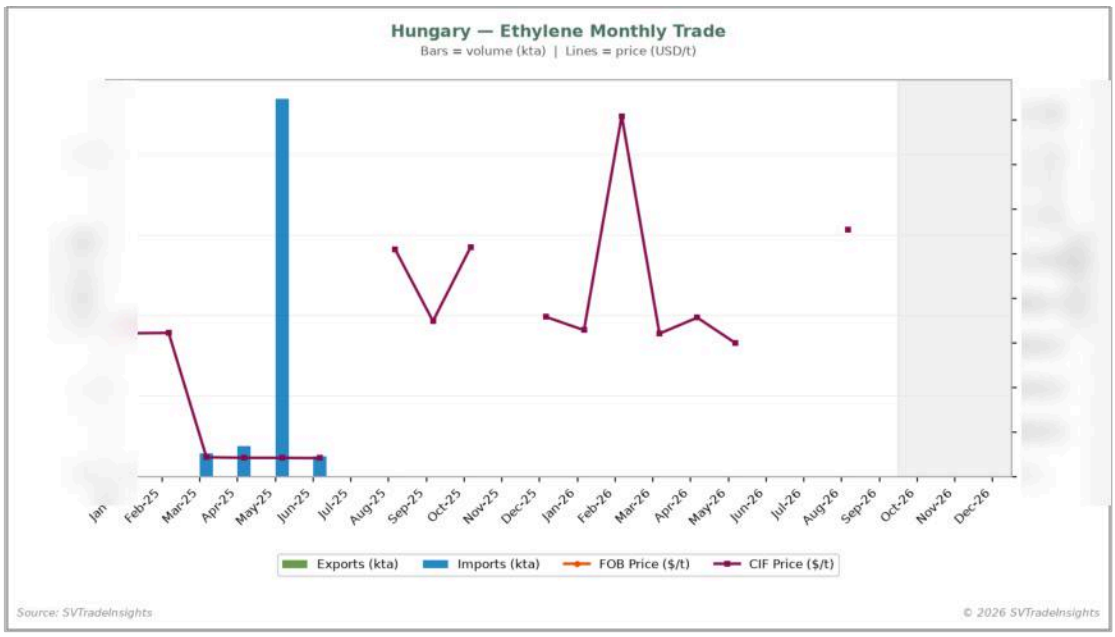

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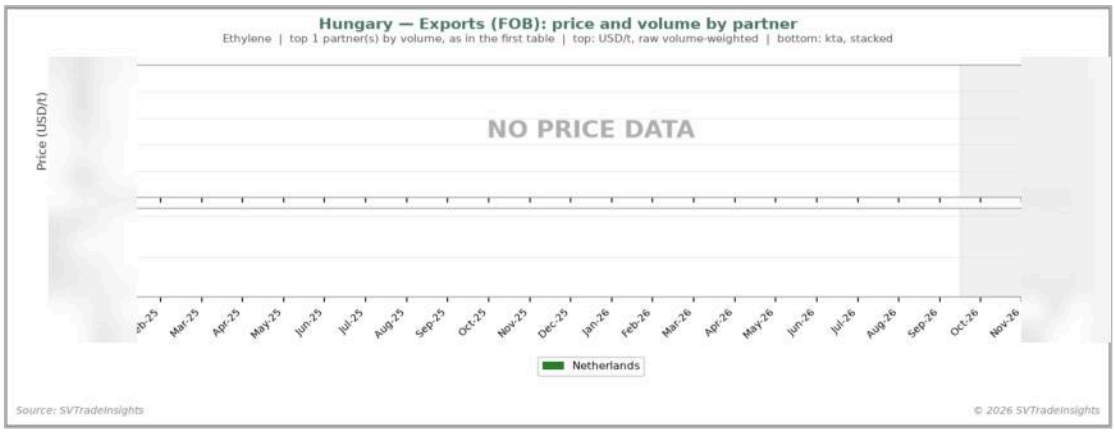

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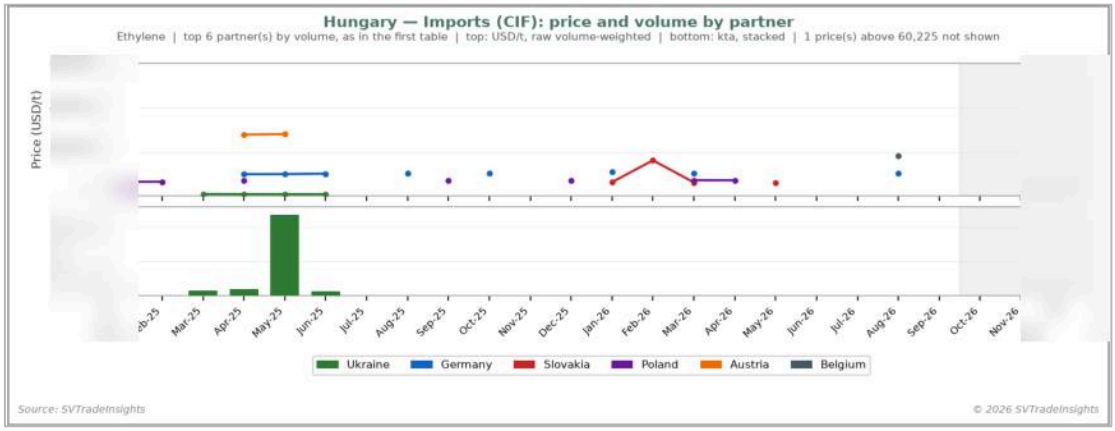

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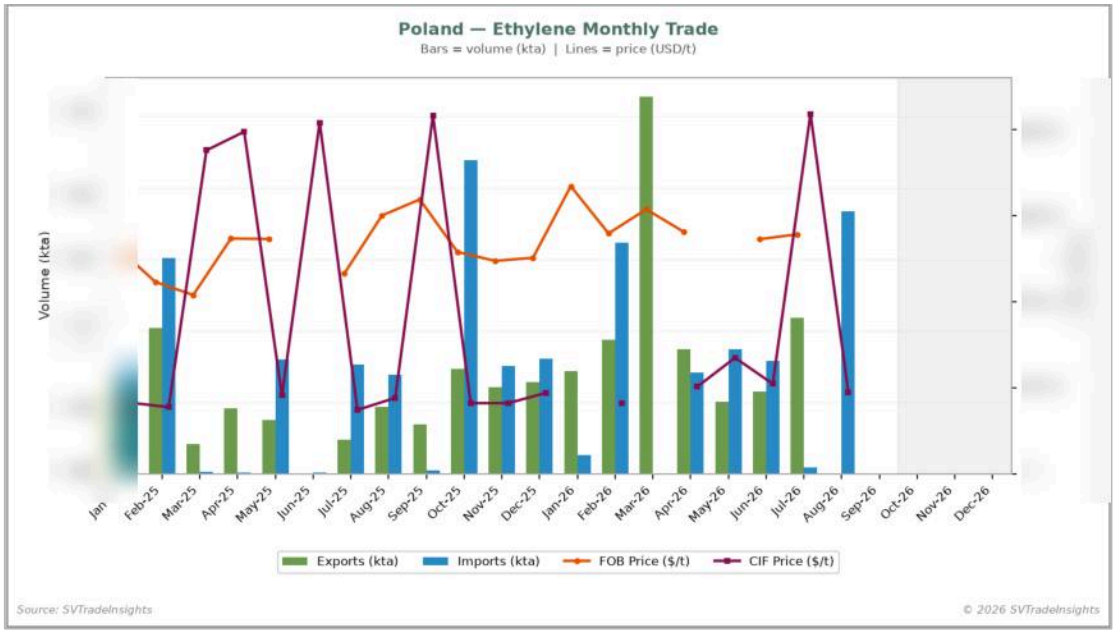

Figure 3.1.5a: Poland monthly trade volumes and transaction prices



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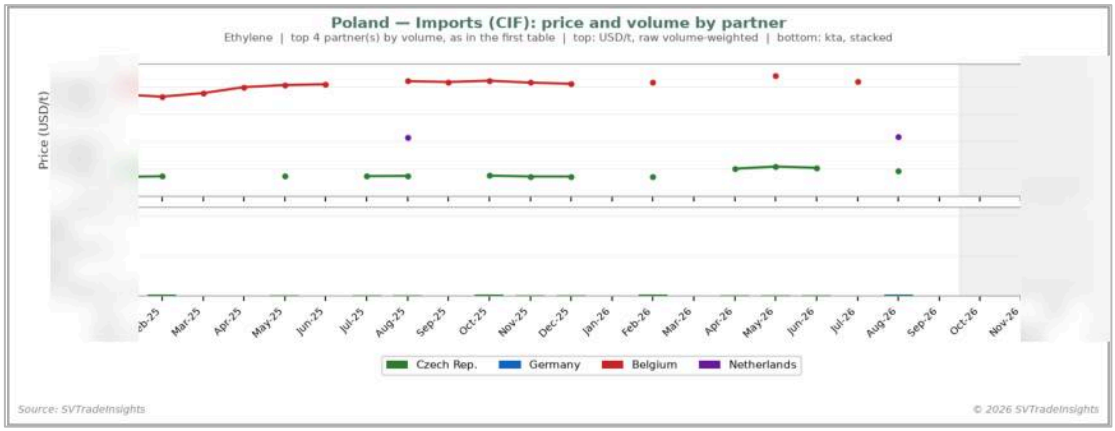

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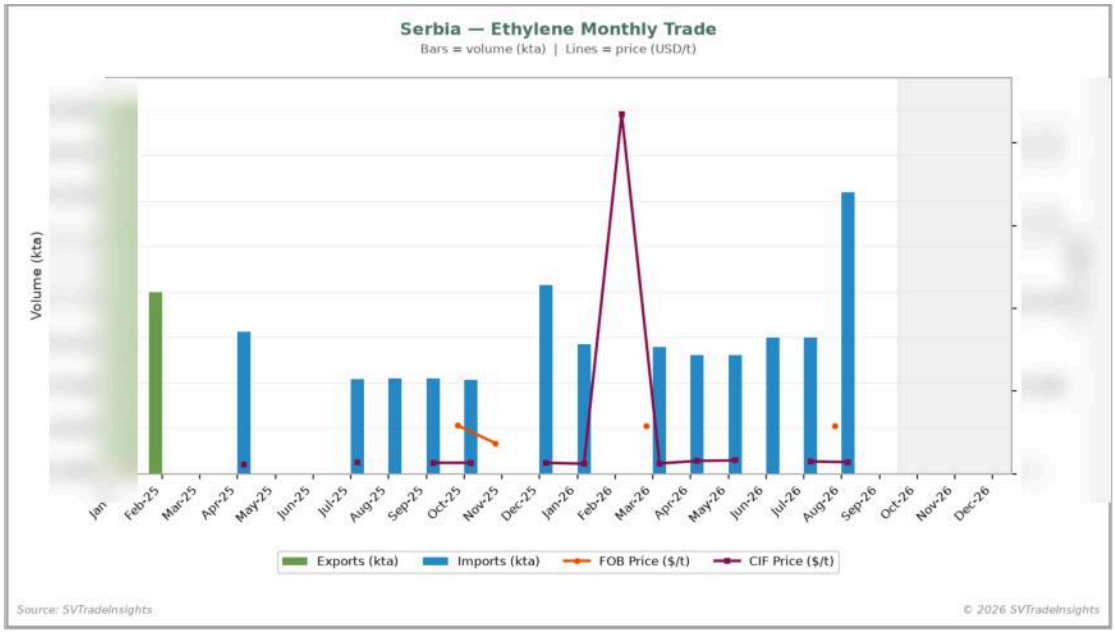

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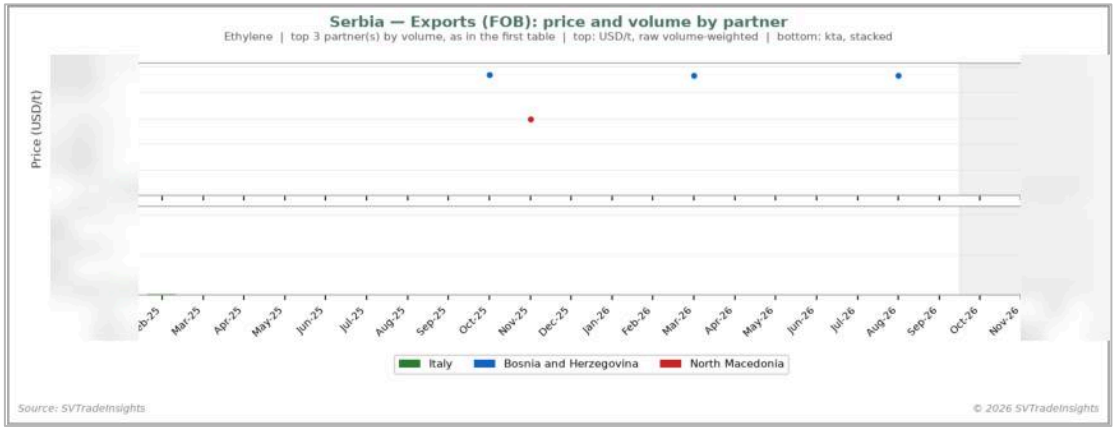

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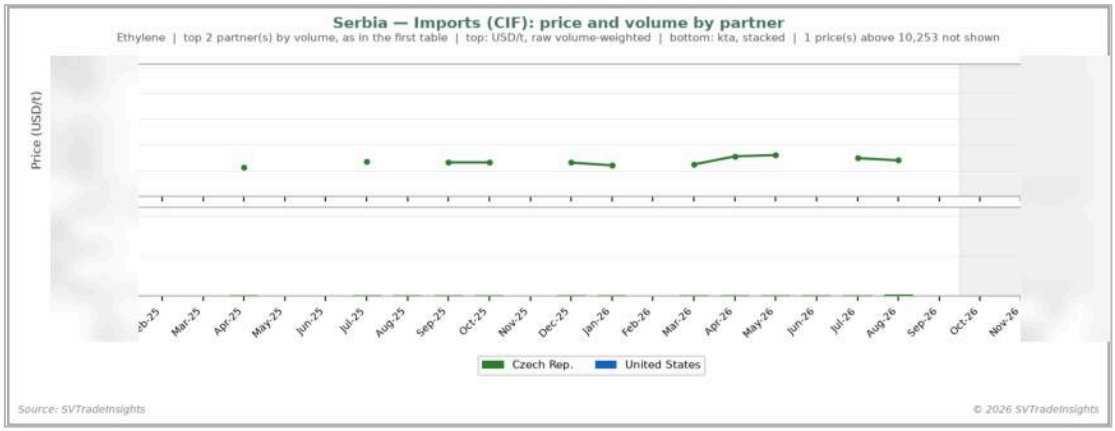

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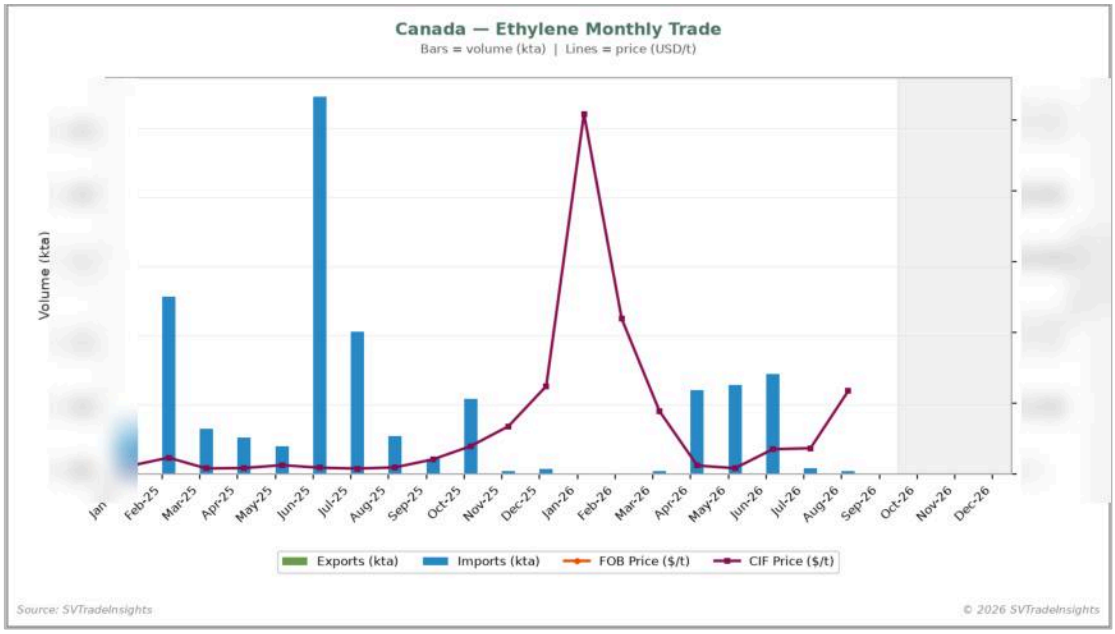


Figure 3.1.7a: Canada monthly trade volumes and transaction prices



Figure 3.1.7b: Canada export transaction prices and volumes by partner

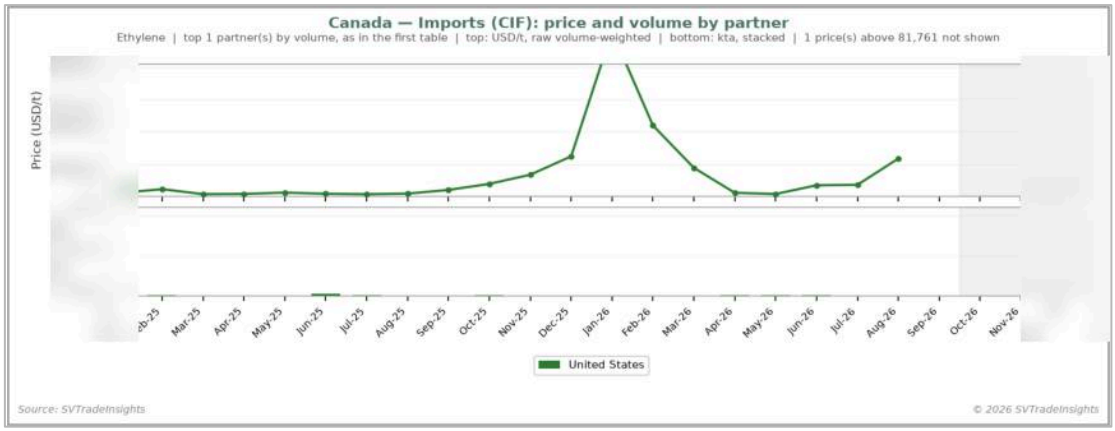


Figure 3.1.7c: Canada import transaction prices and volumes by partner

3.1.8 Japan

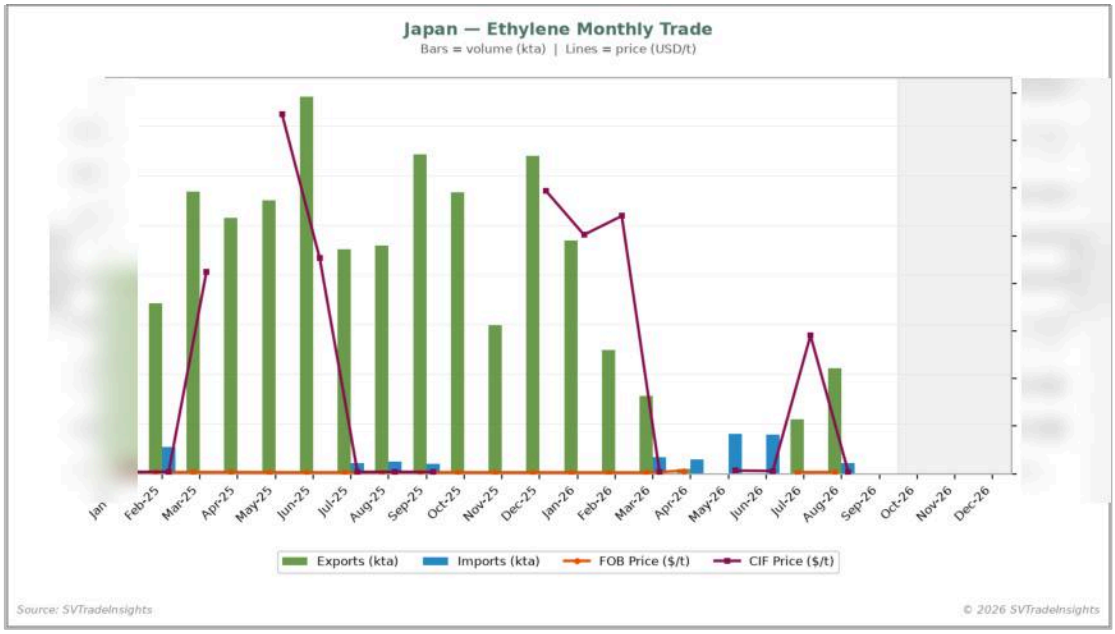
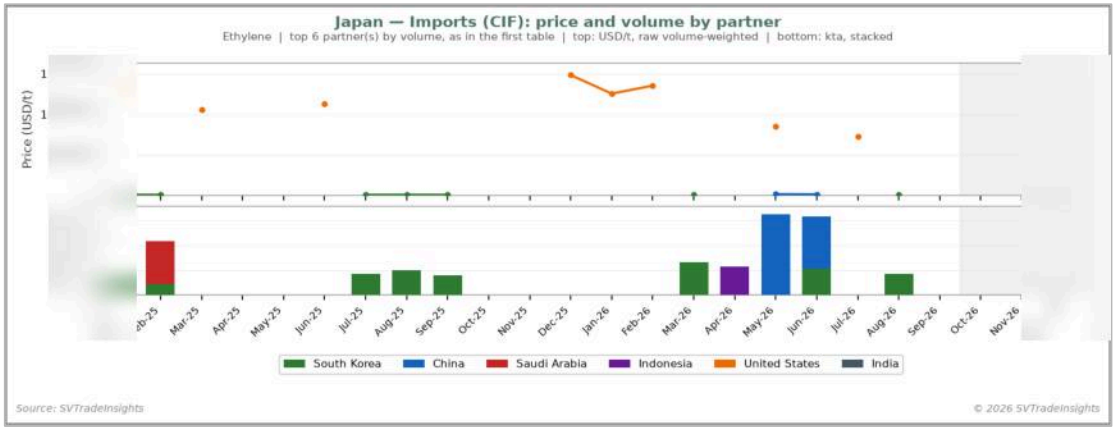


Figure 3.1.8a: Japan monthly trade volumes and transaction prices



Figure 3.1.8b: Japan export transaction prices and volumes by partner



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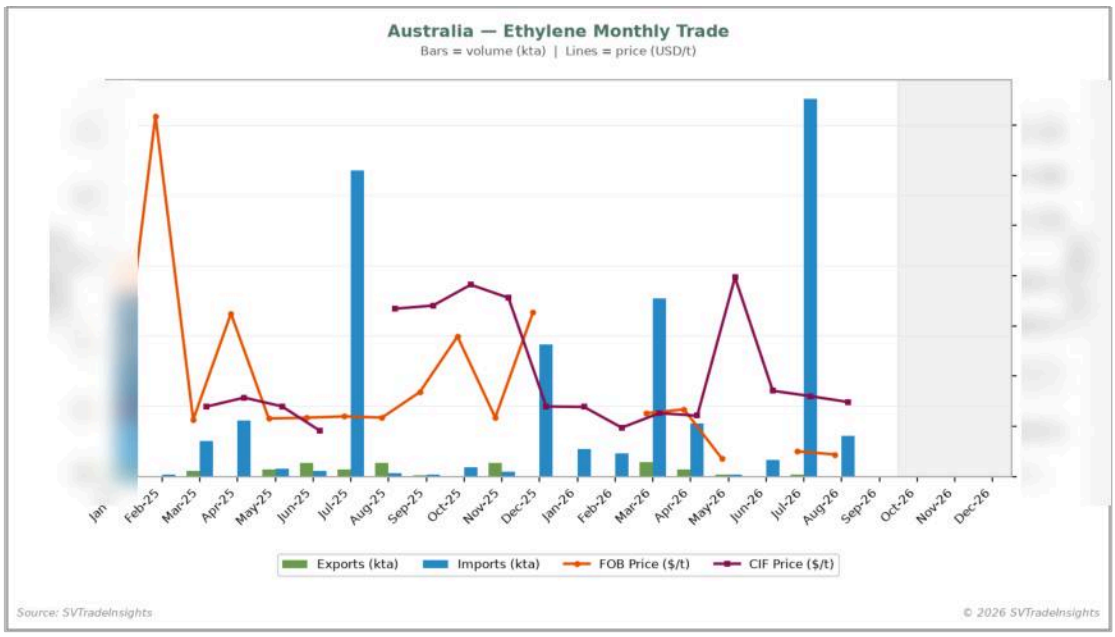

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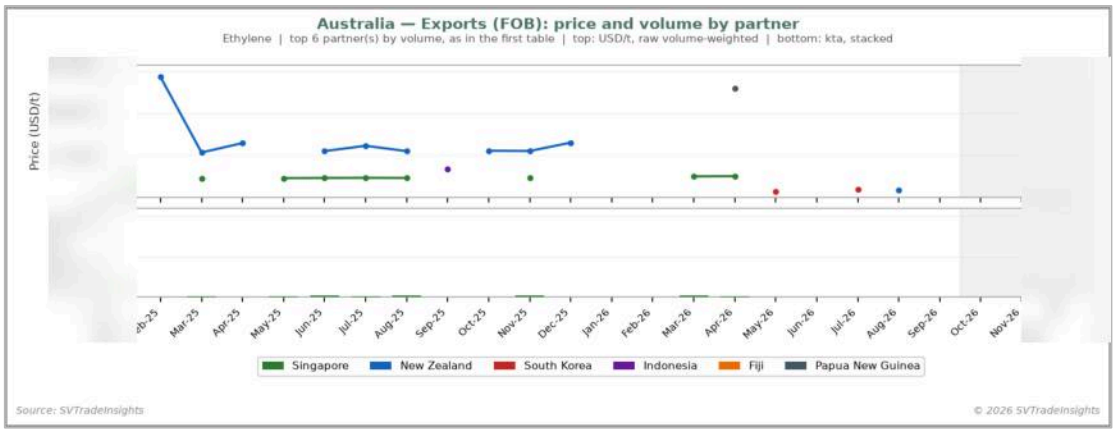

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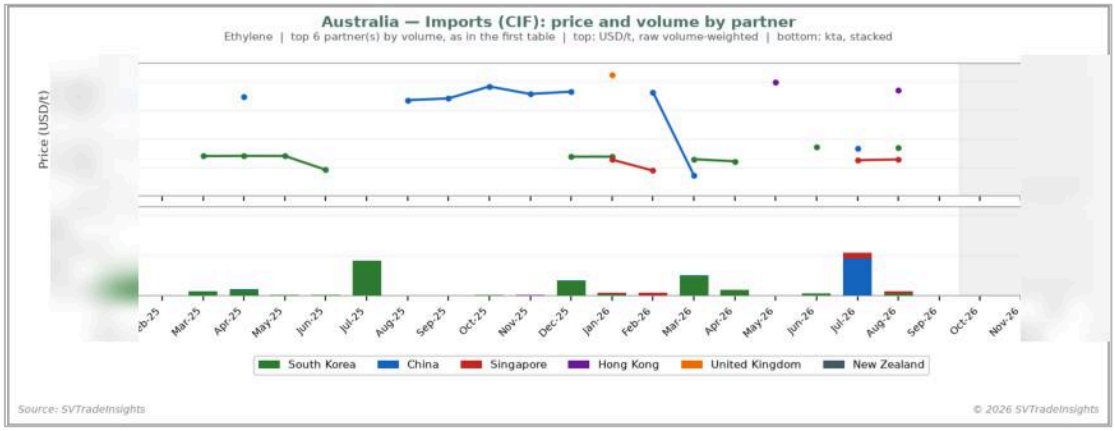

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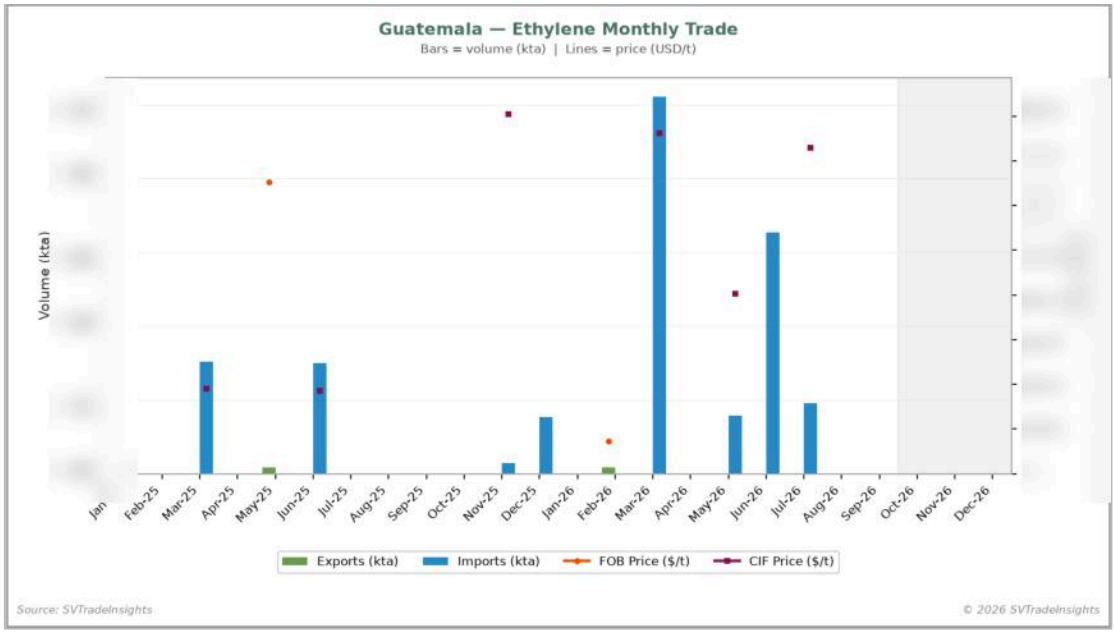

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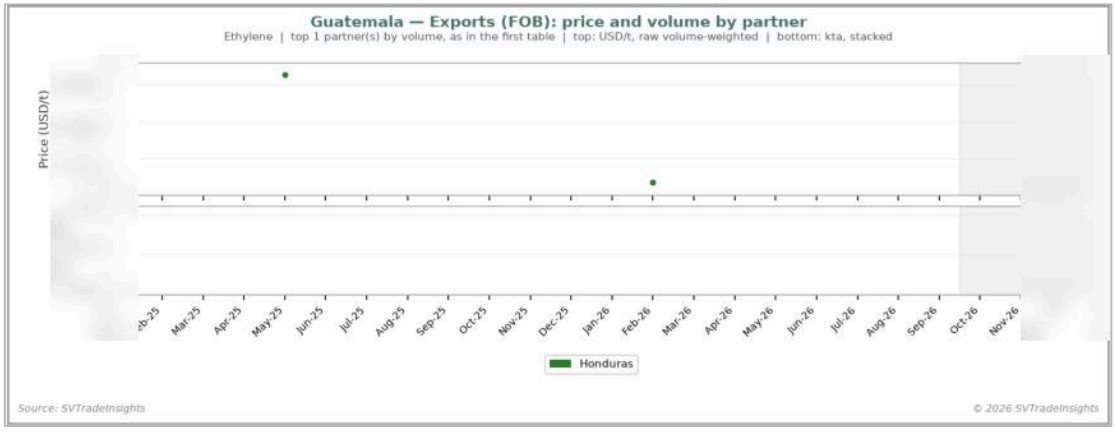

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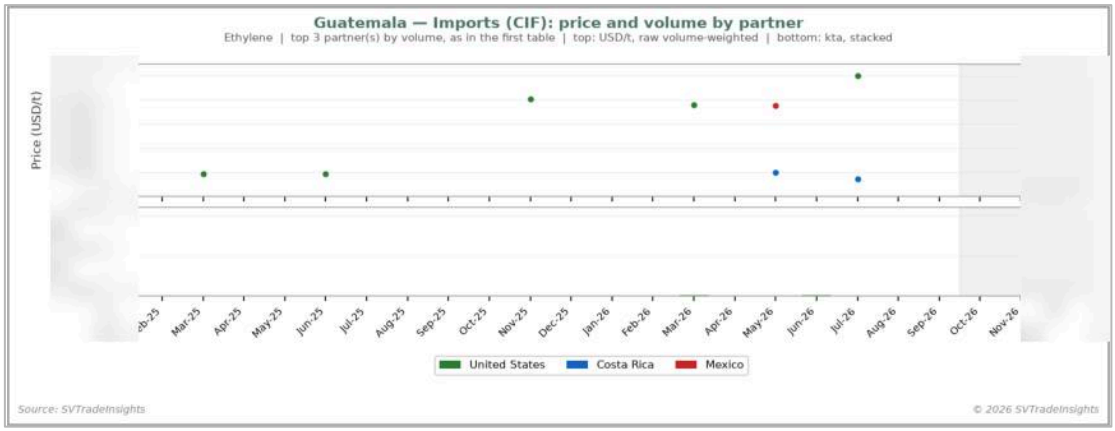
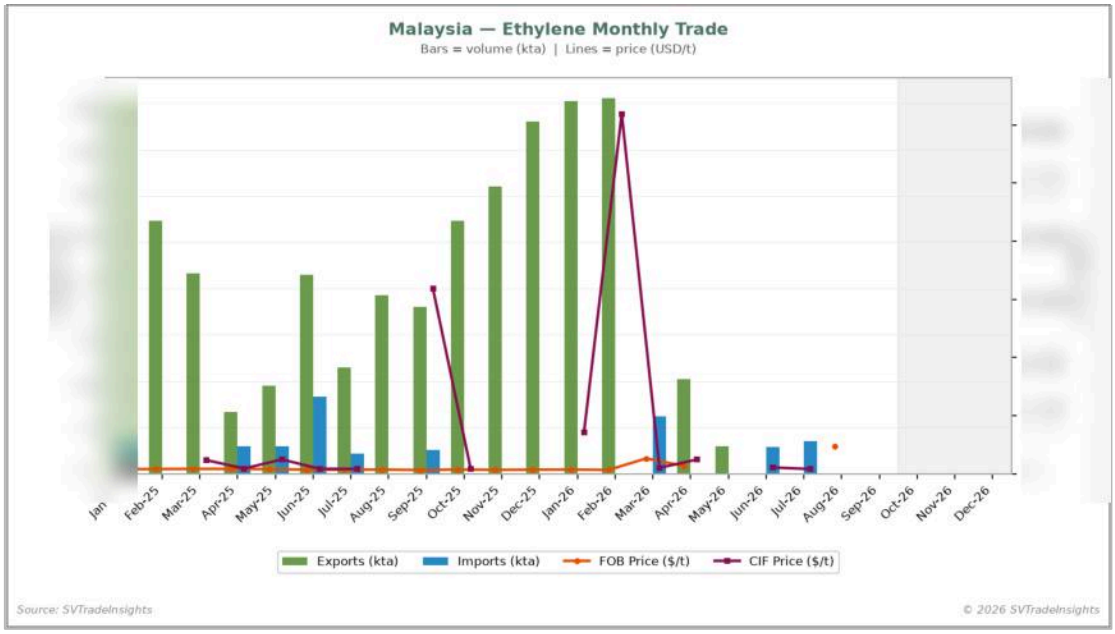


Figure 3.1.10c: Guatemala import transaction prices and volumes by partner

3.1.11 Malaysia



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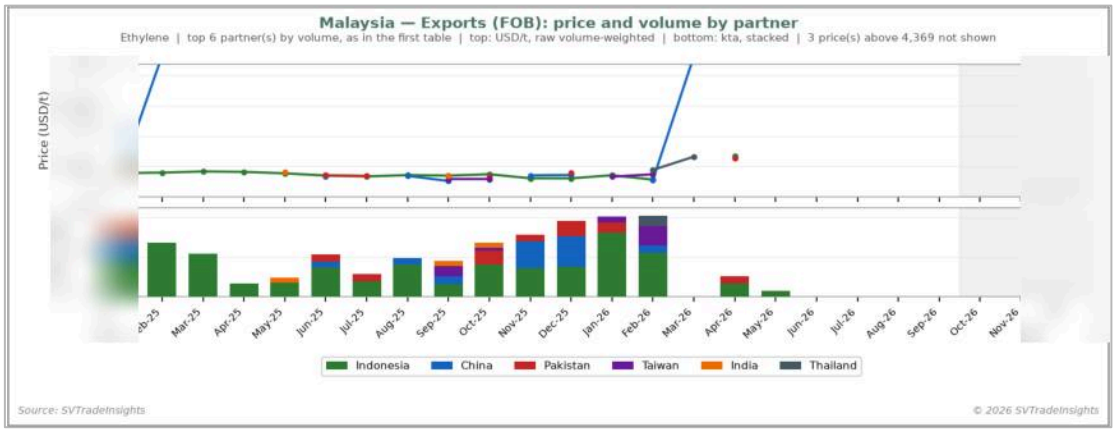

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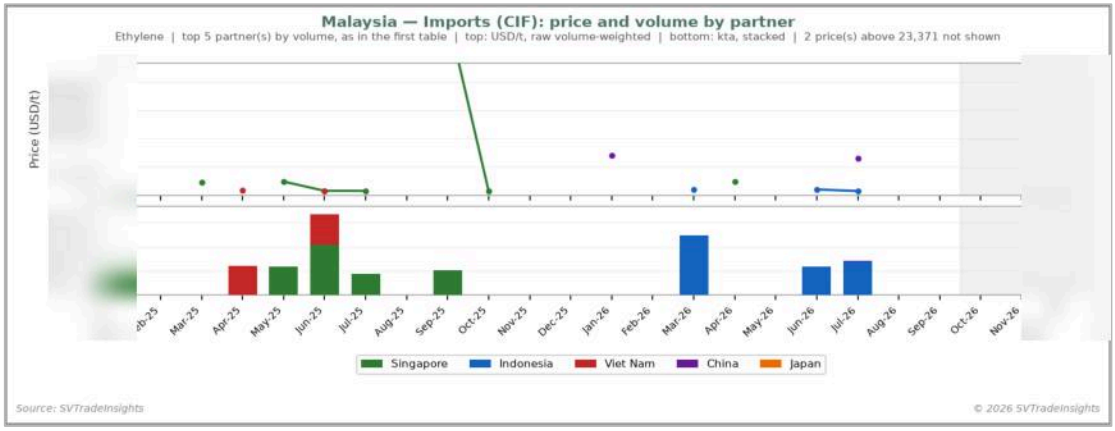

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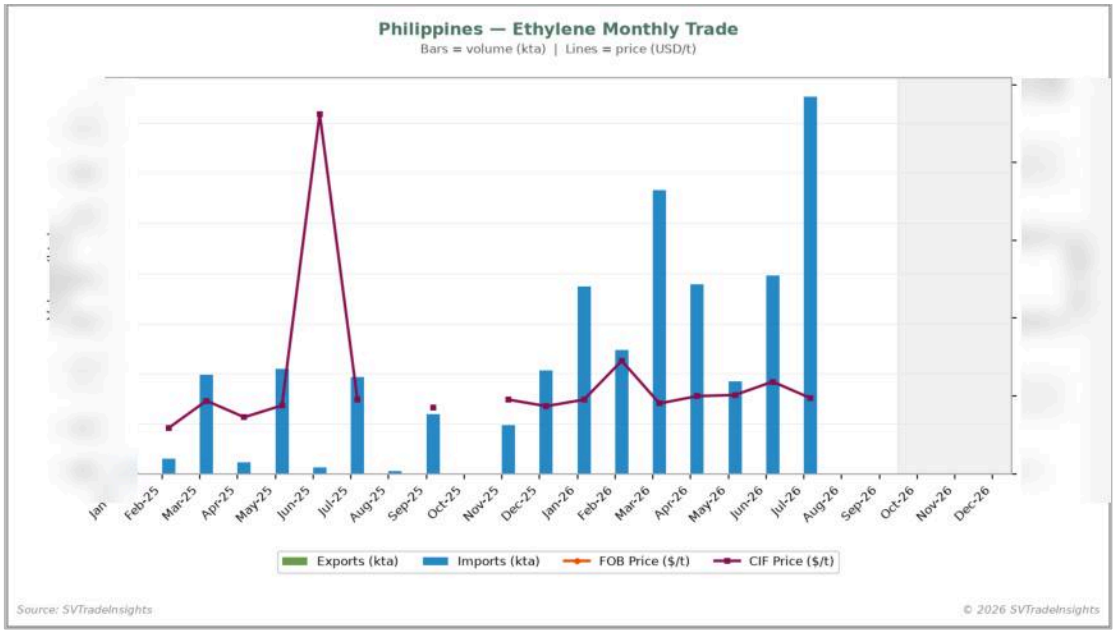

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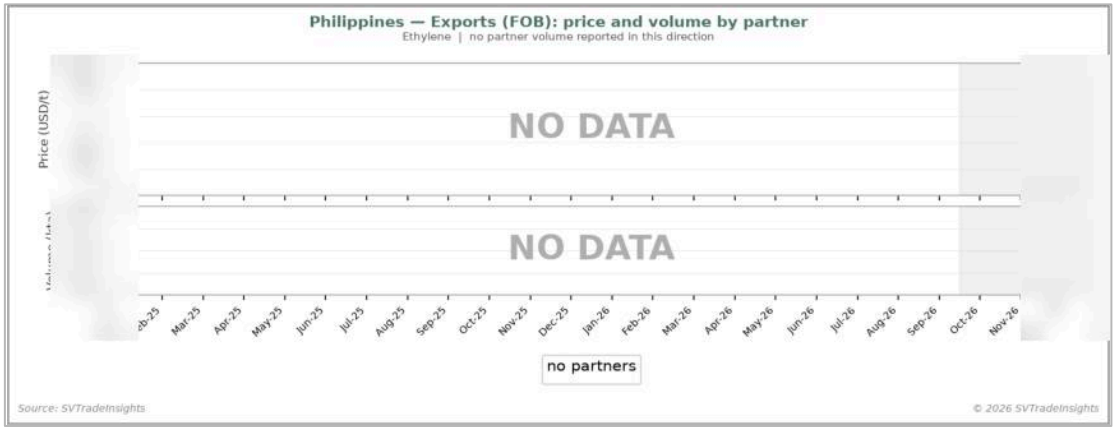

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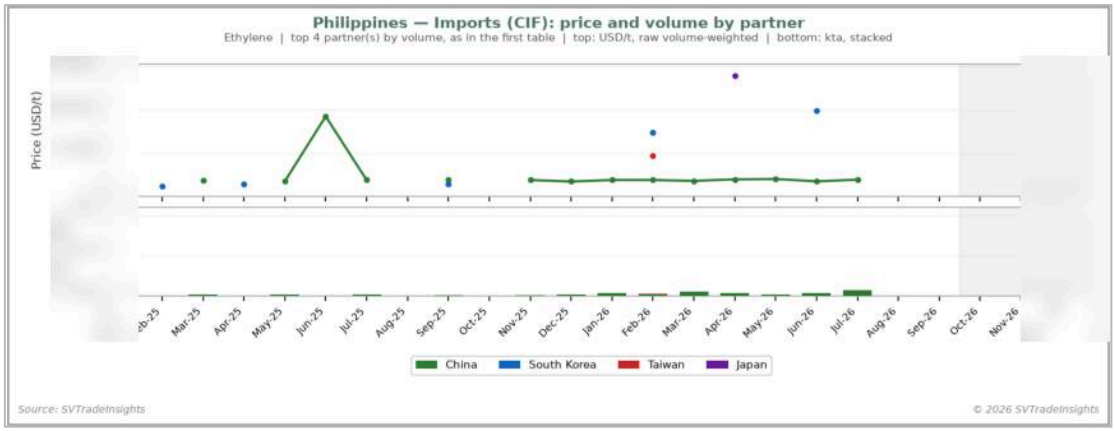

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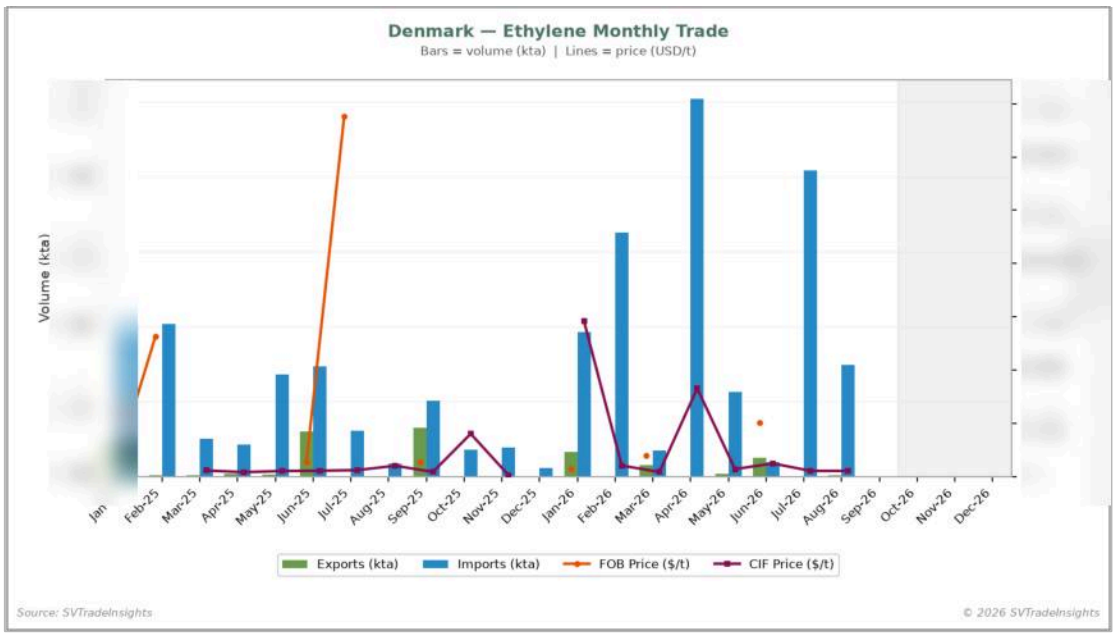

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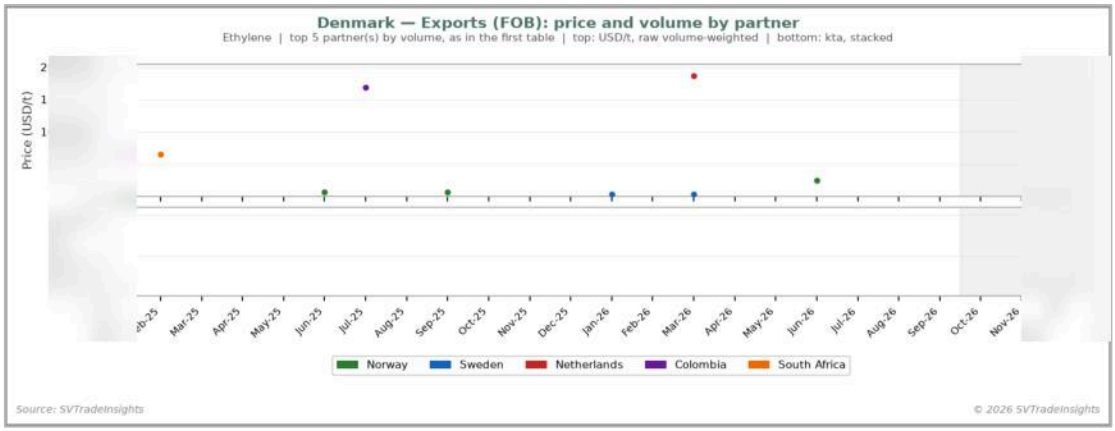

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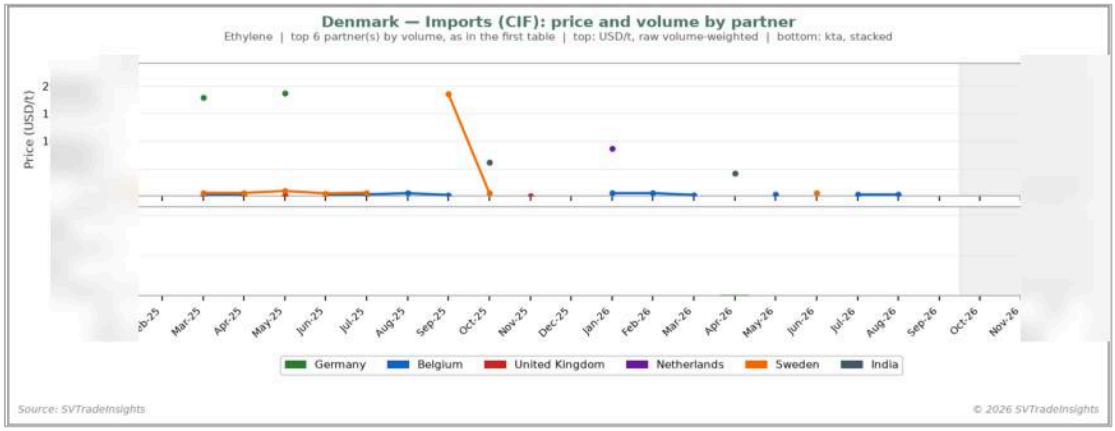

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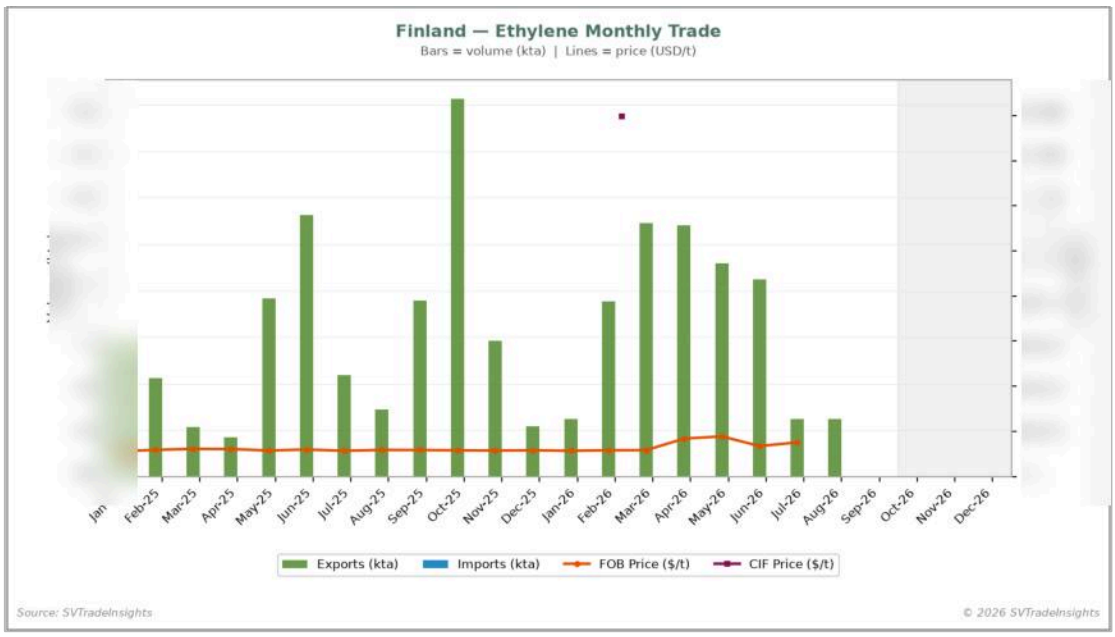

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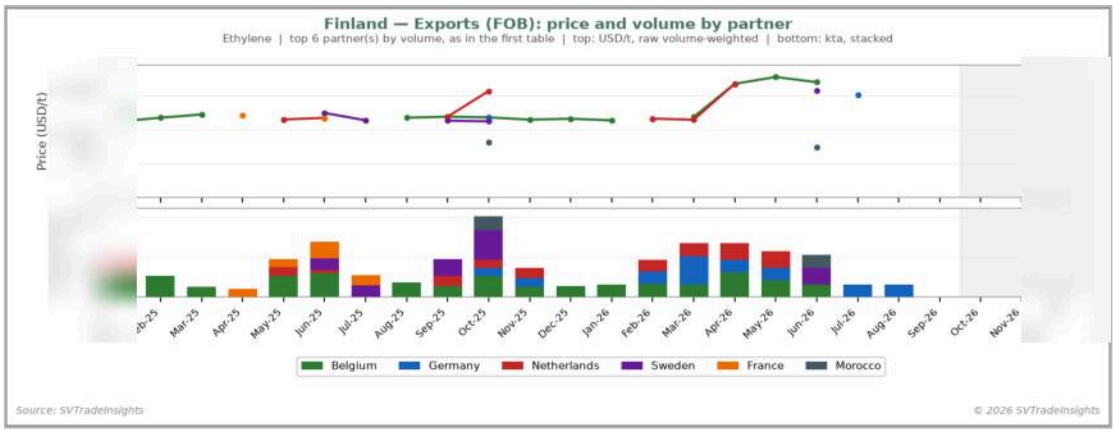

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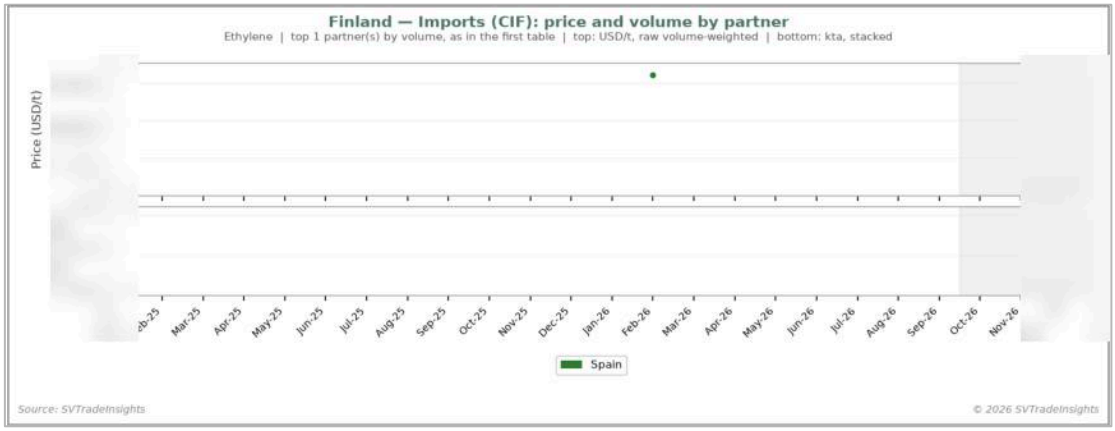

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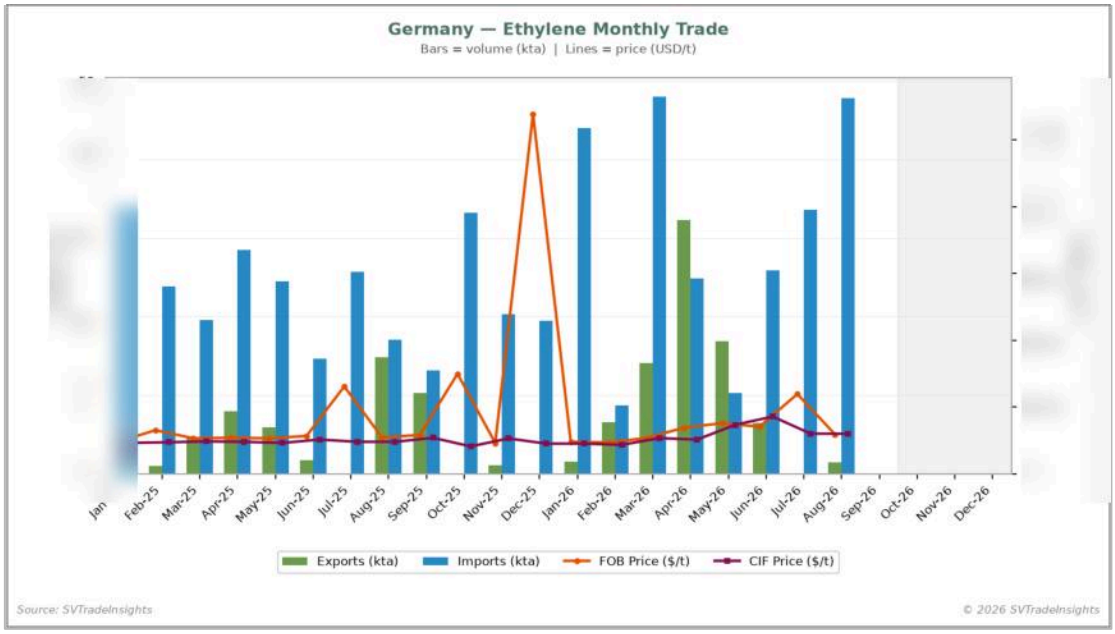

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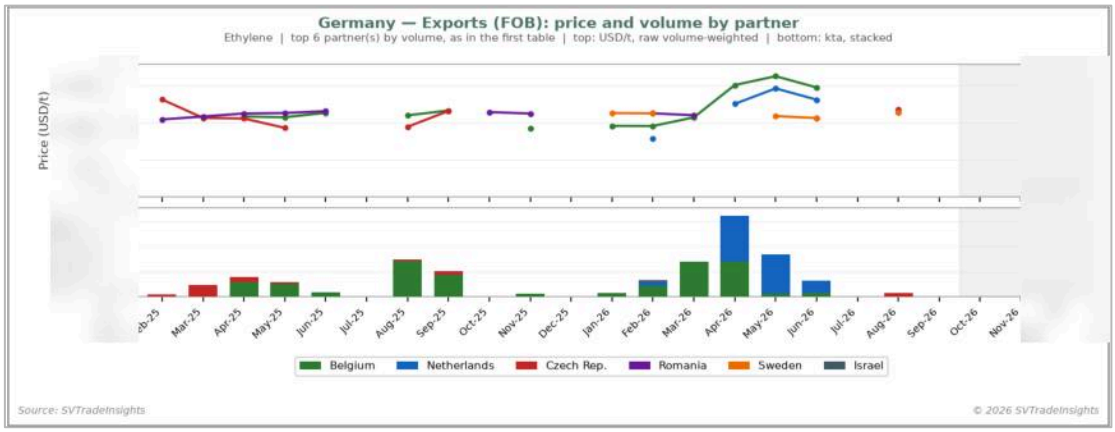

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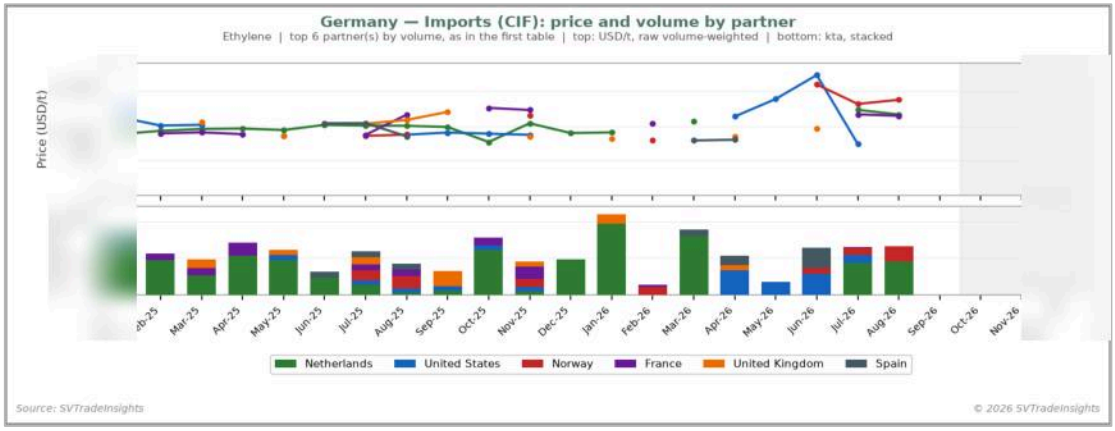

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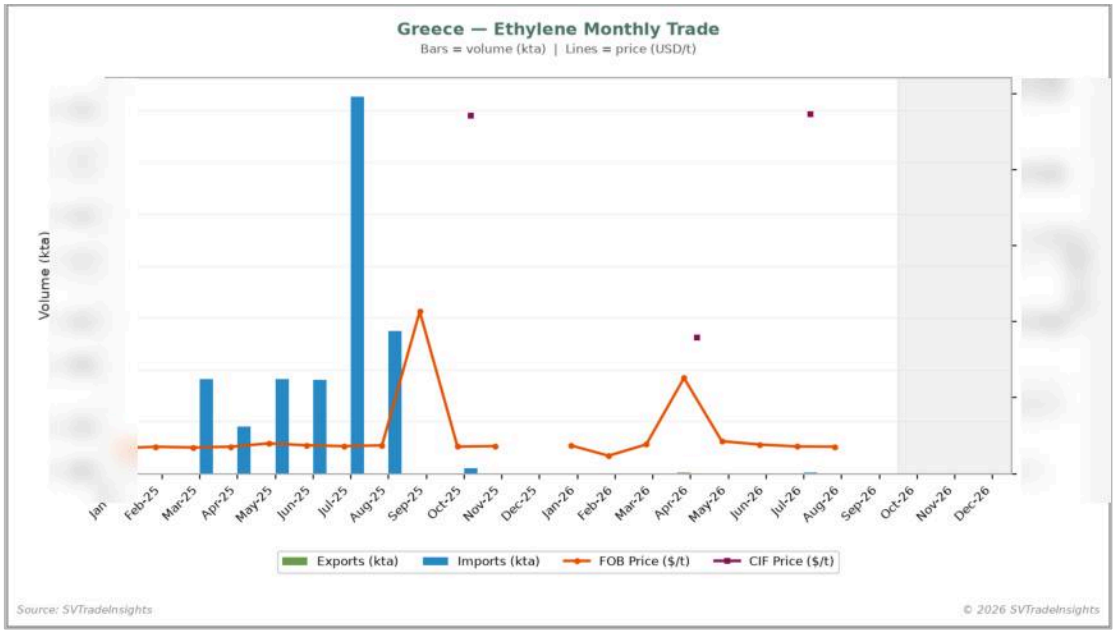

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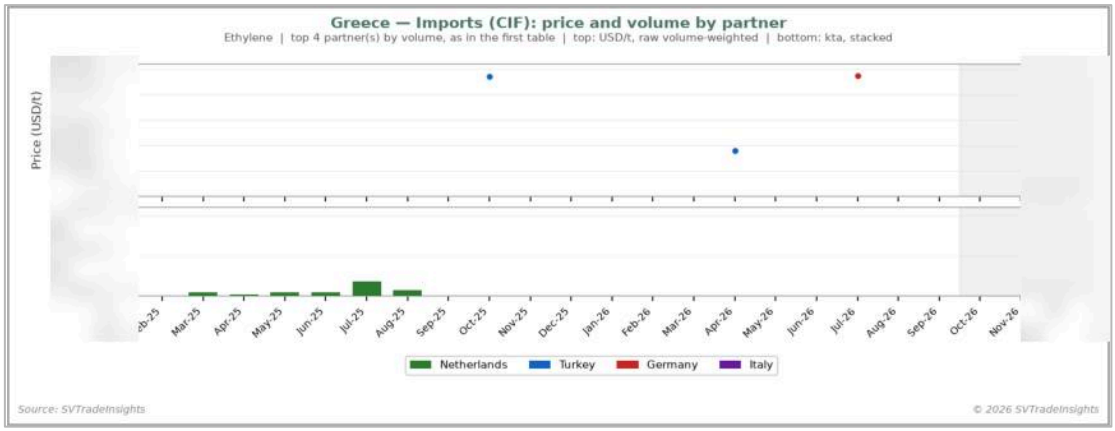

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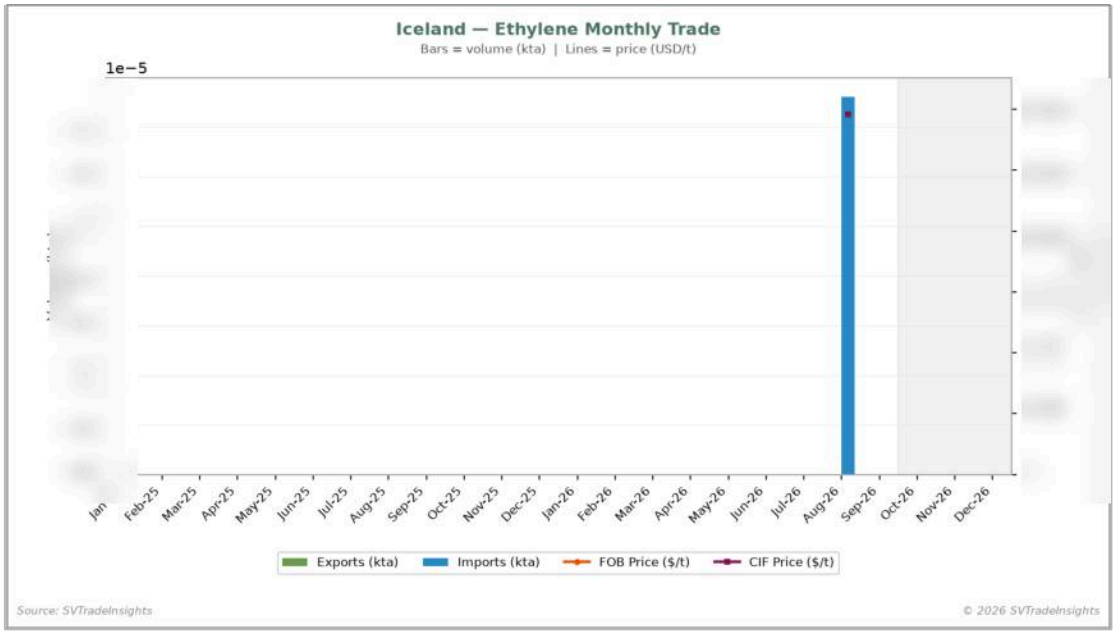

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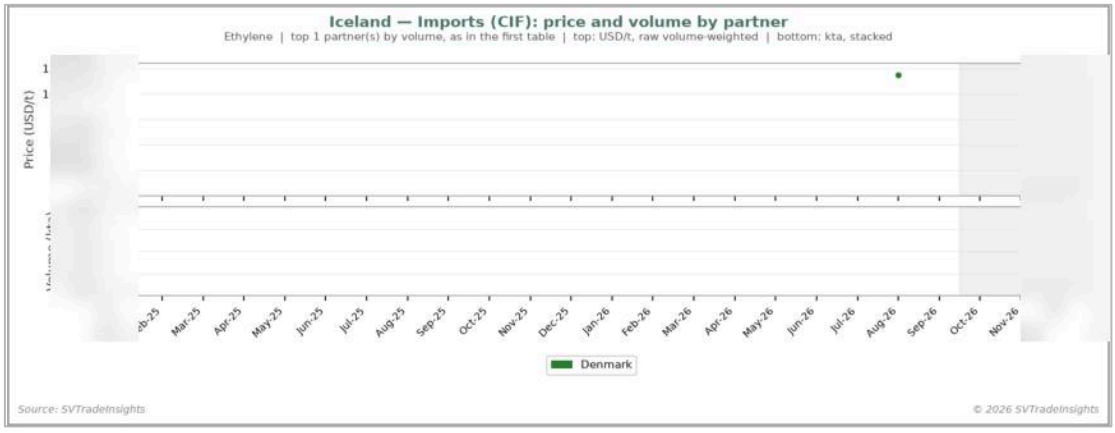

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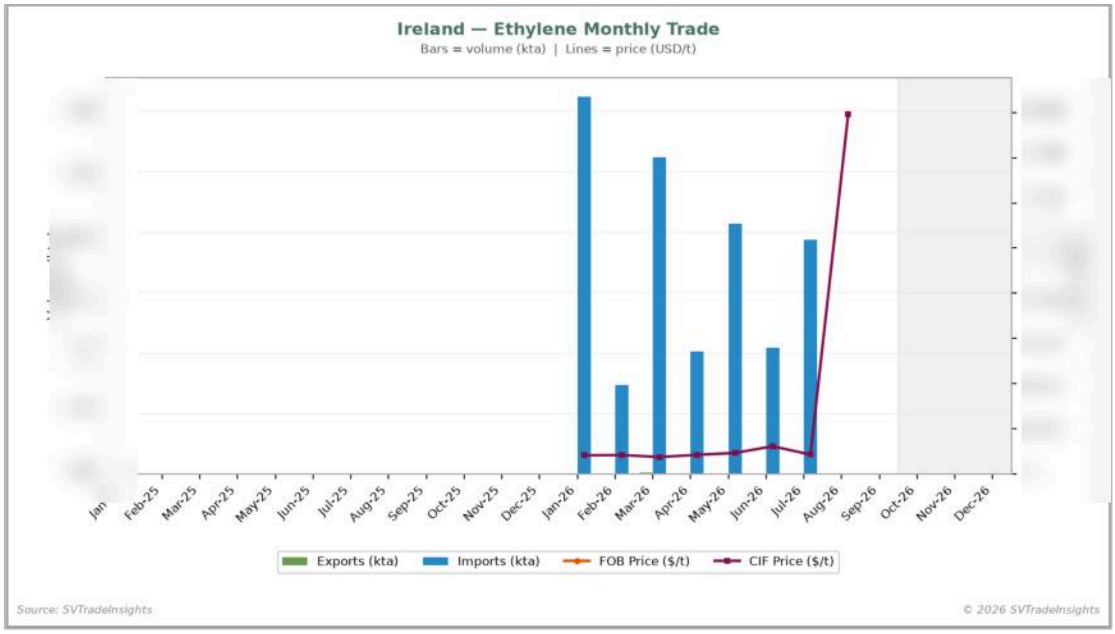

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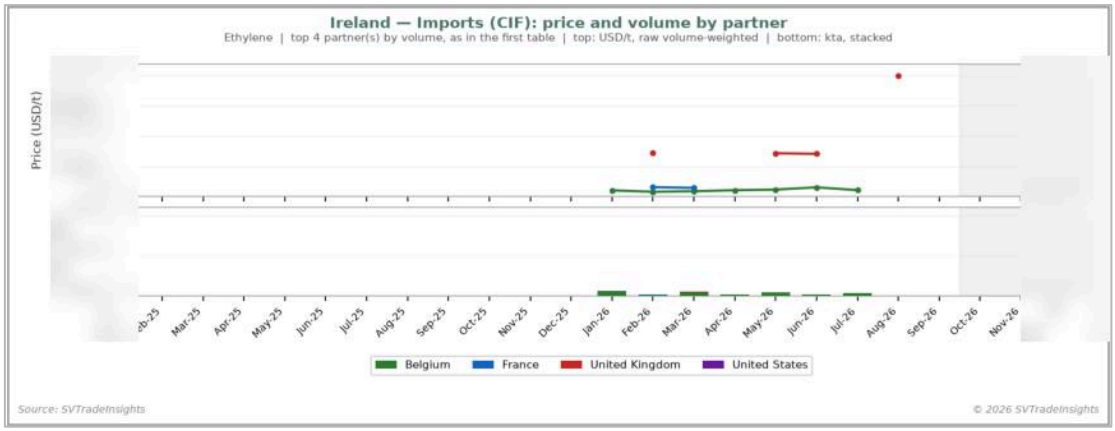

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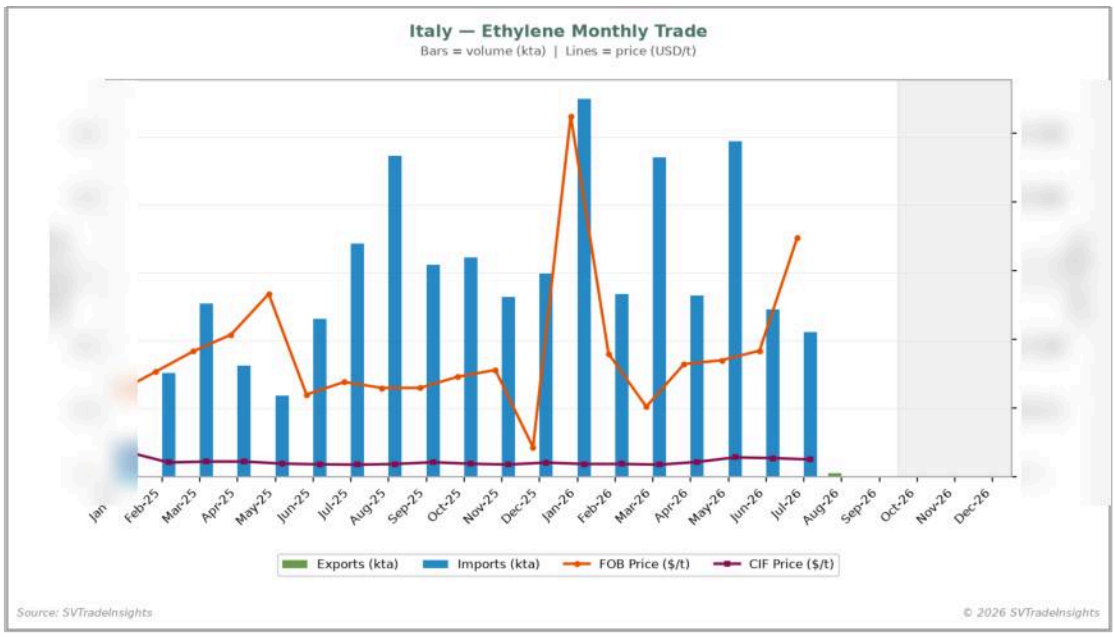

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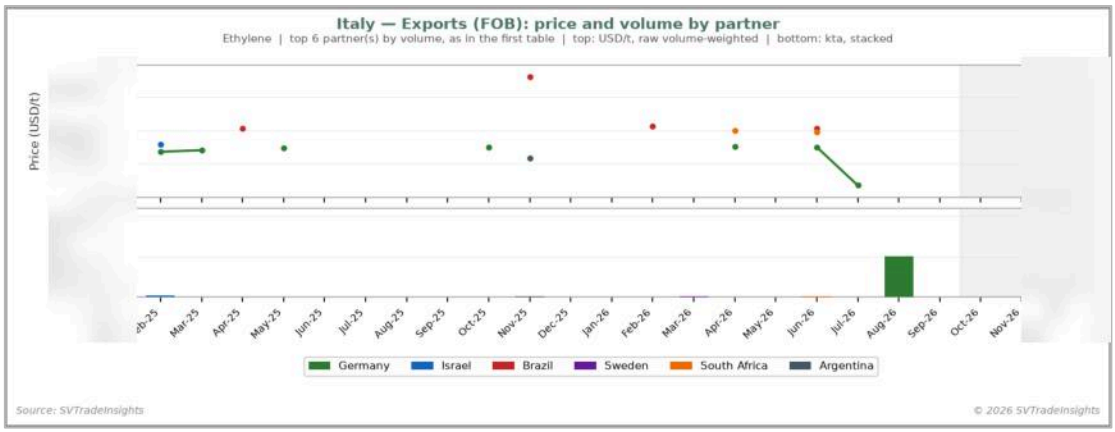

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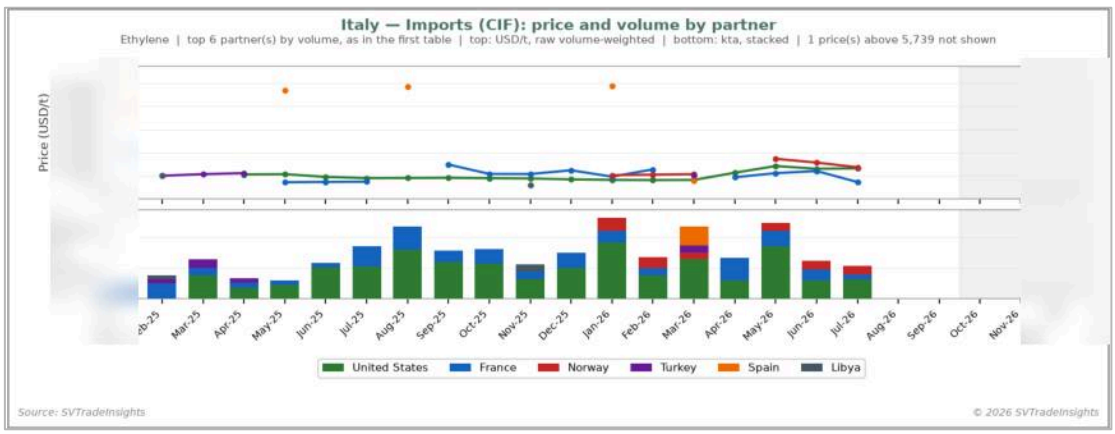

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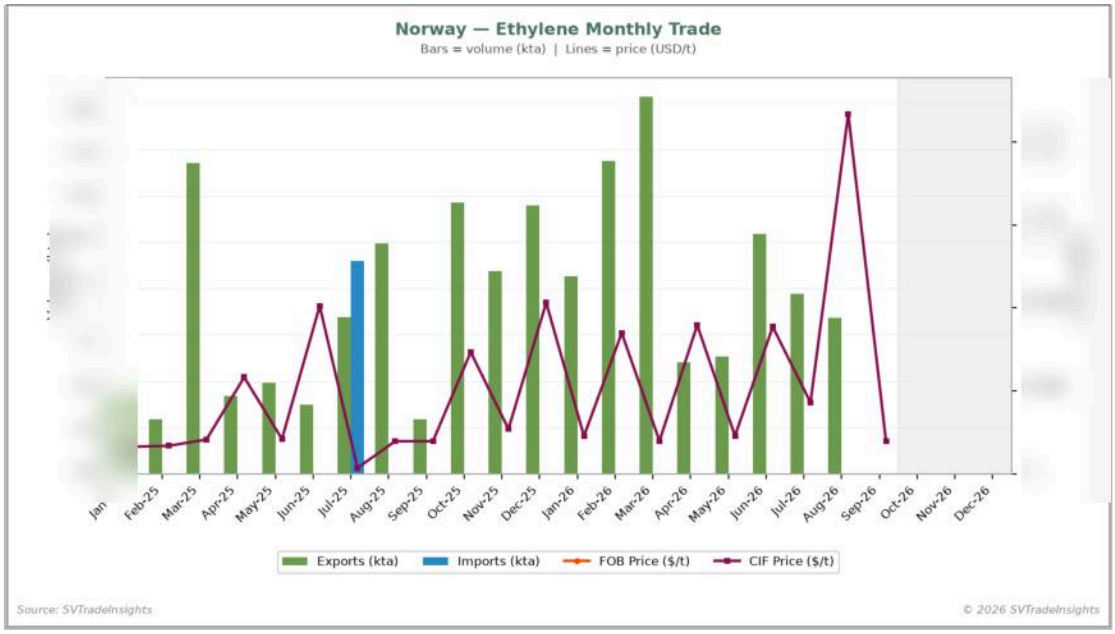

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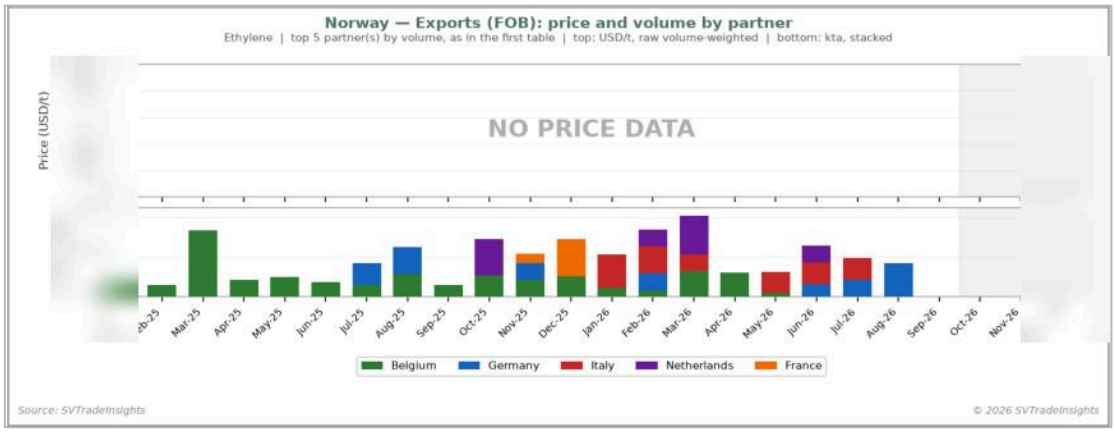

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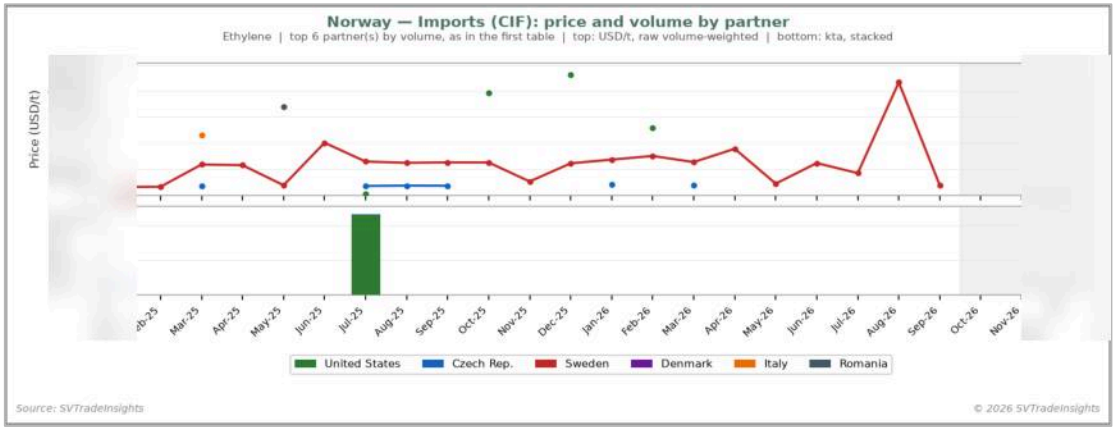

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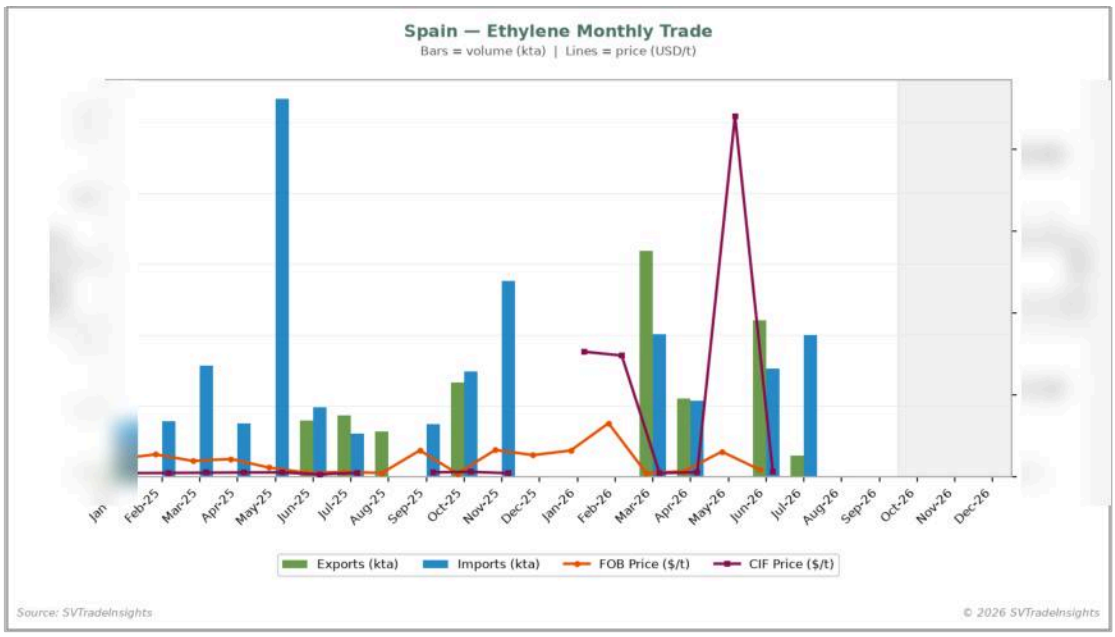

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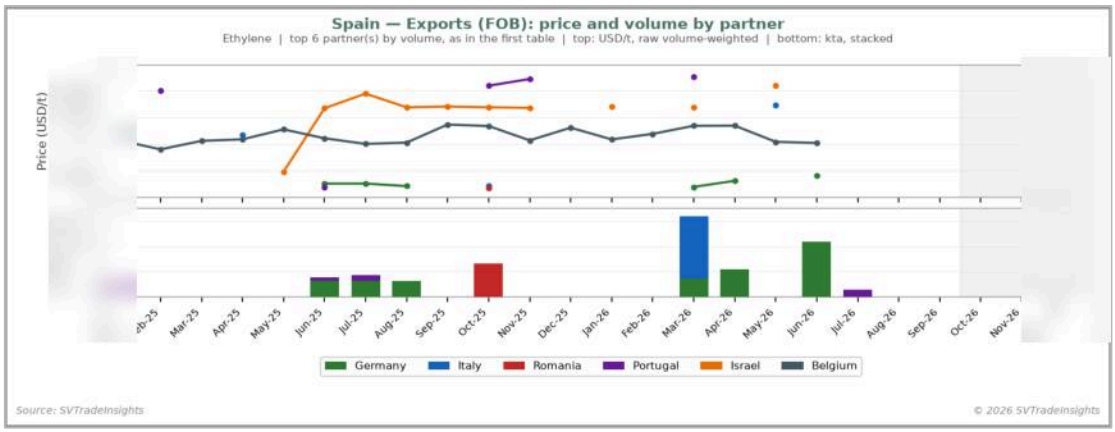

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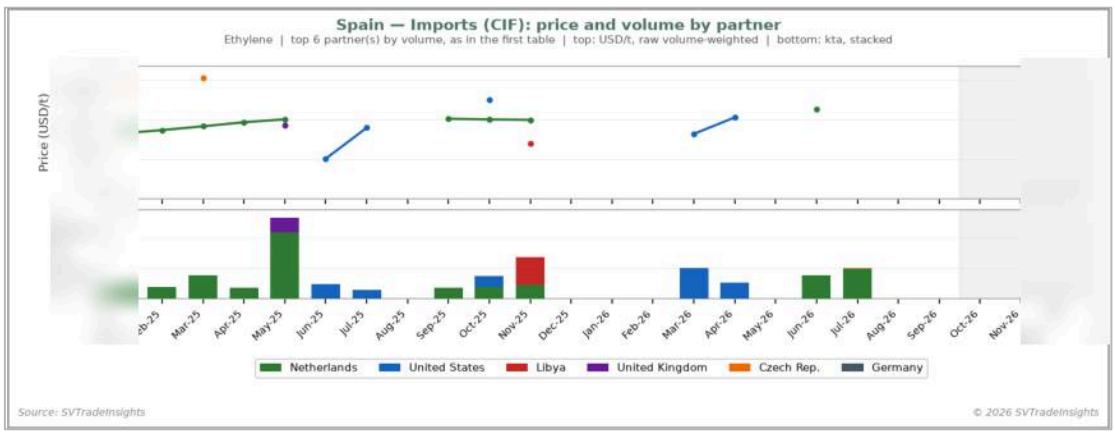

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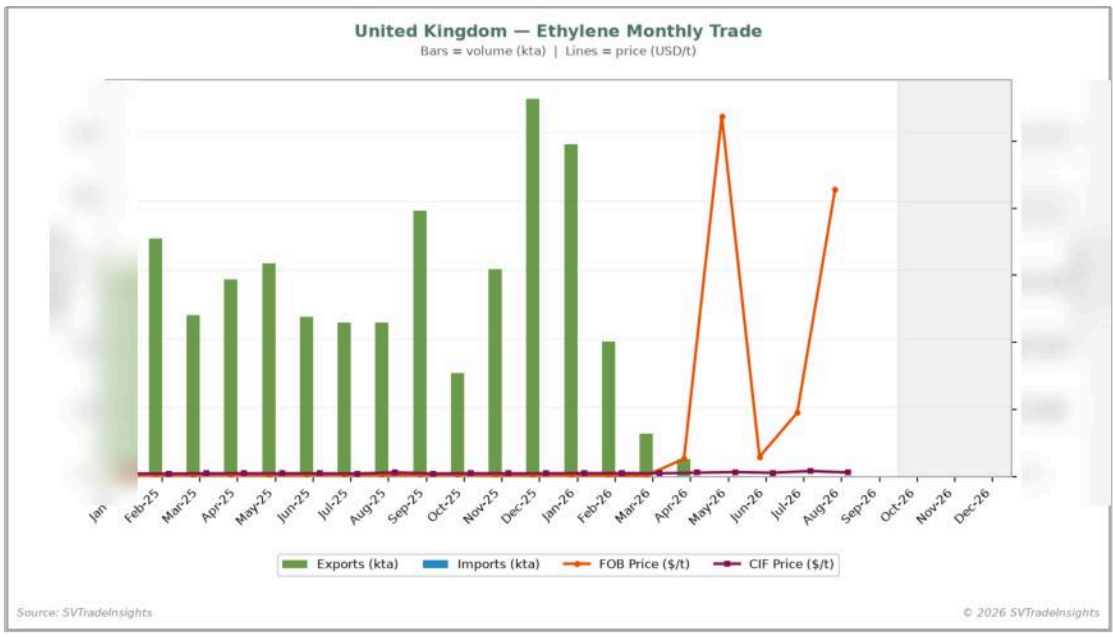

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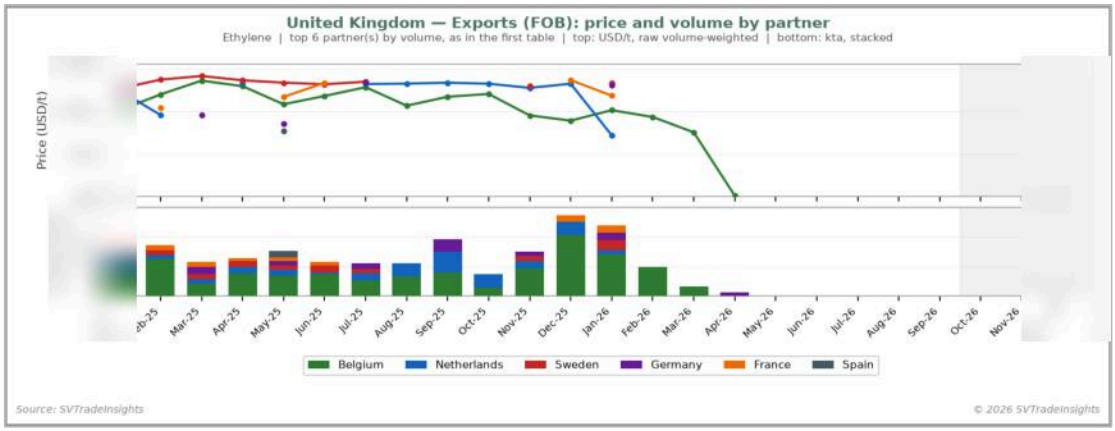

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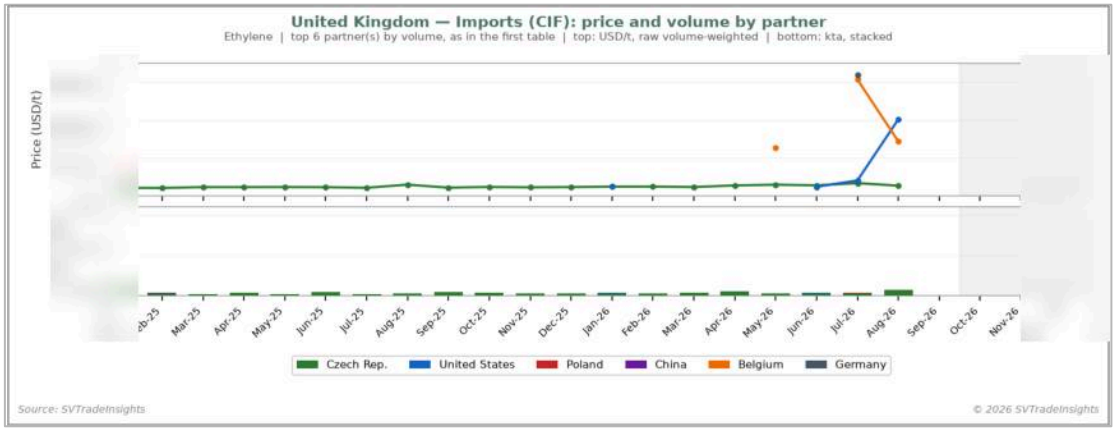

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3.2. Previous Two-Month Filings (August–September 2026)

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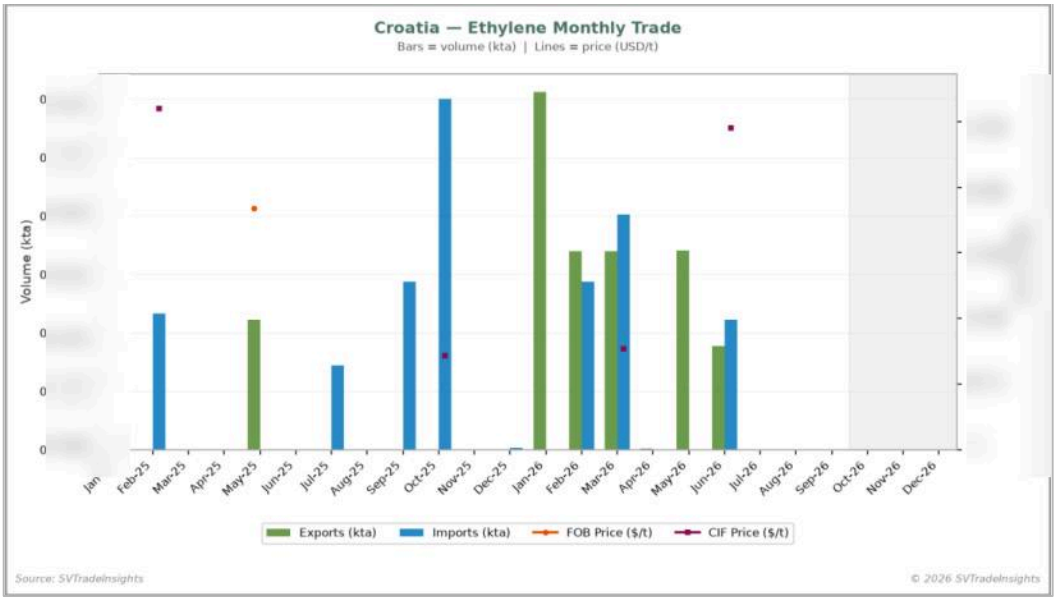

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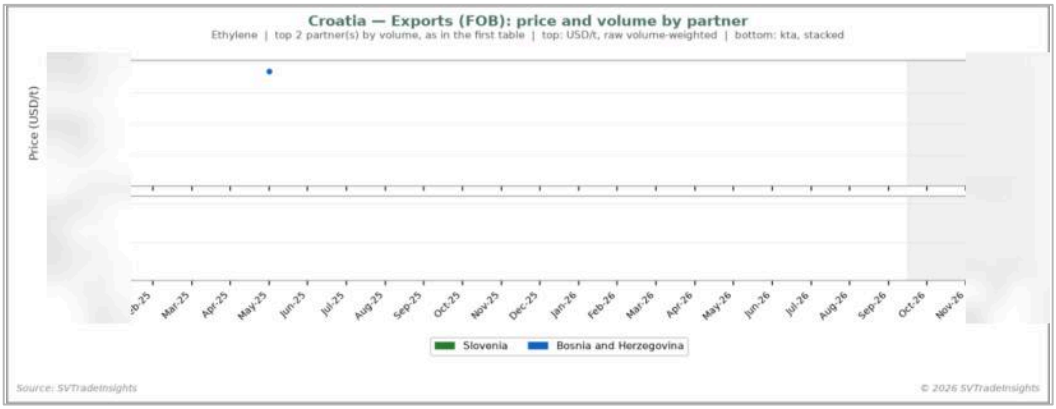

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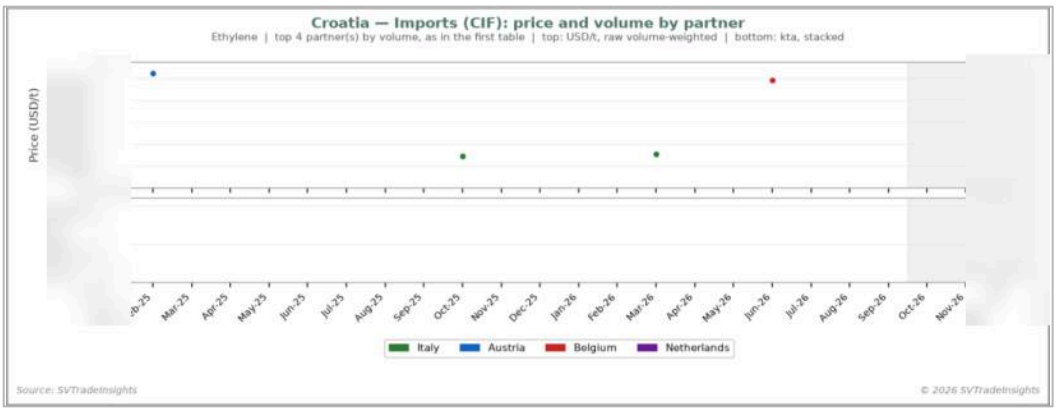

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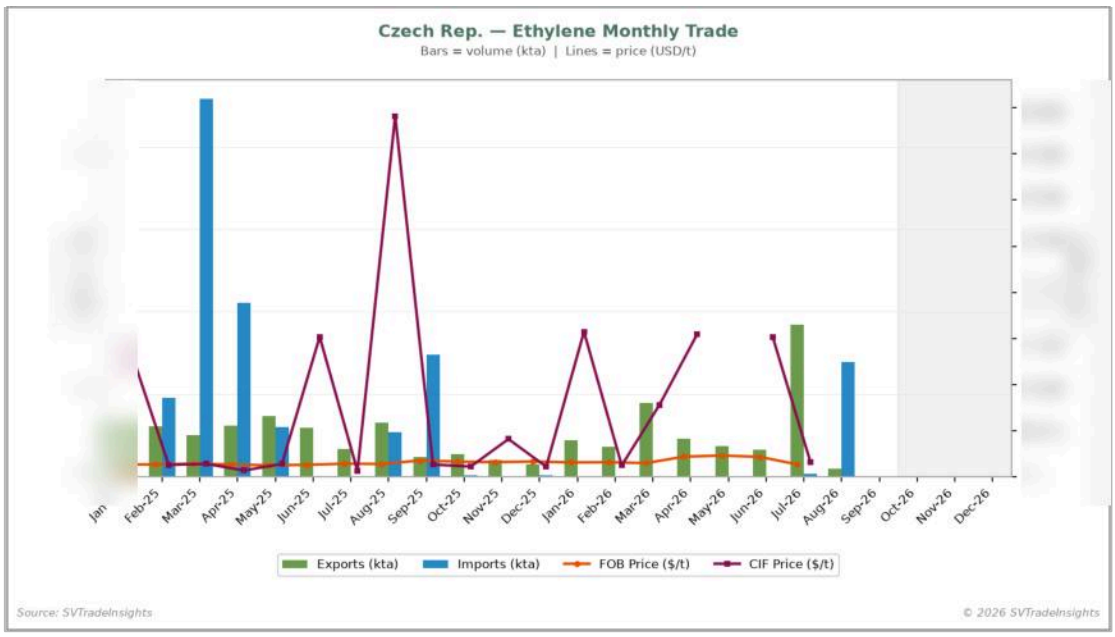

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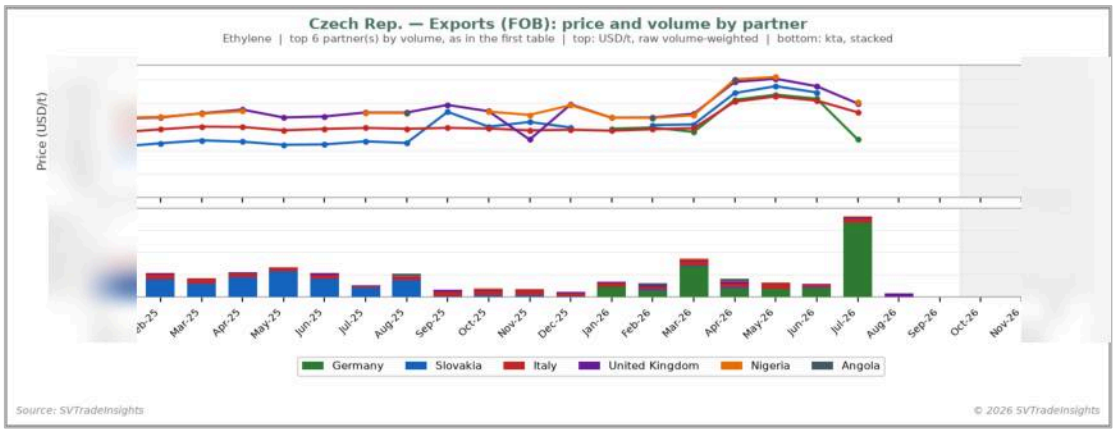

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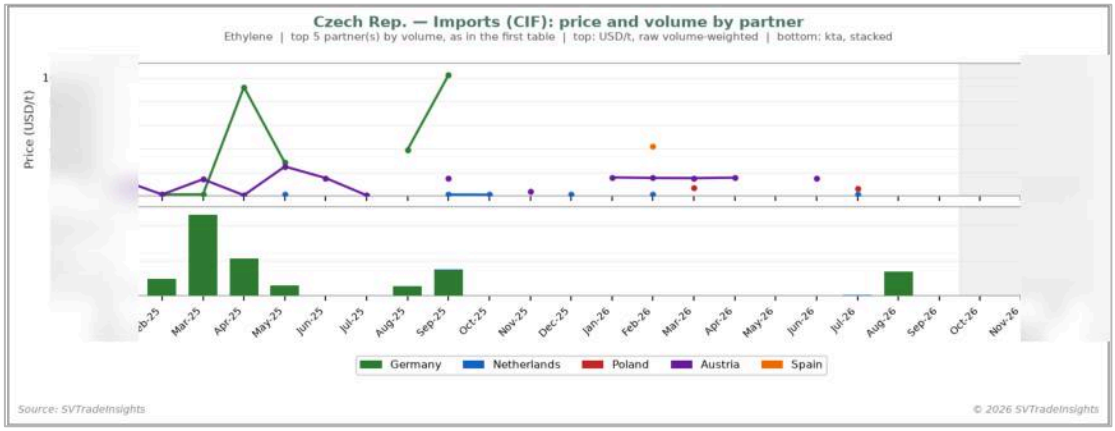

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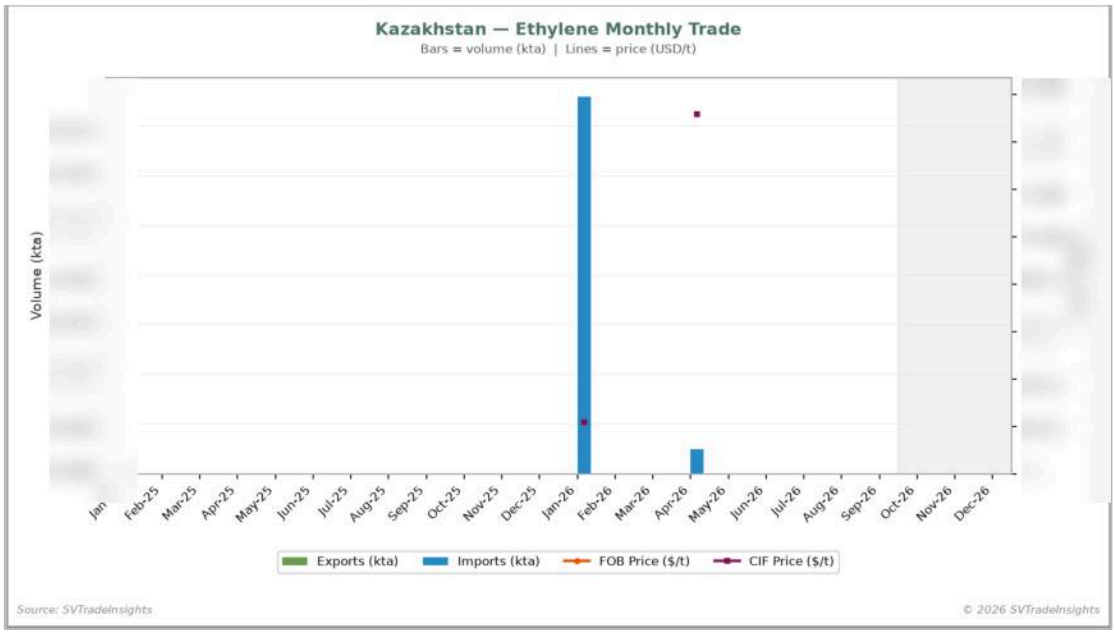

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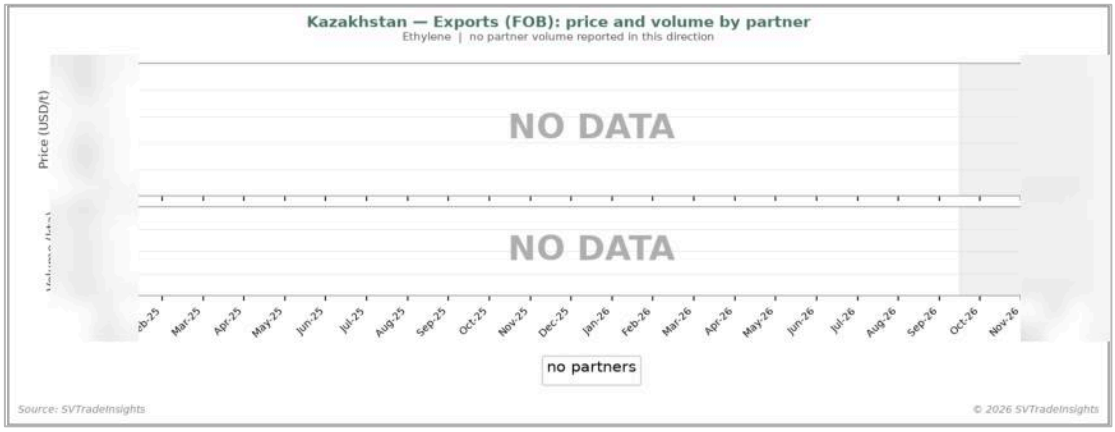

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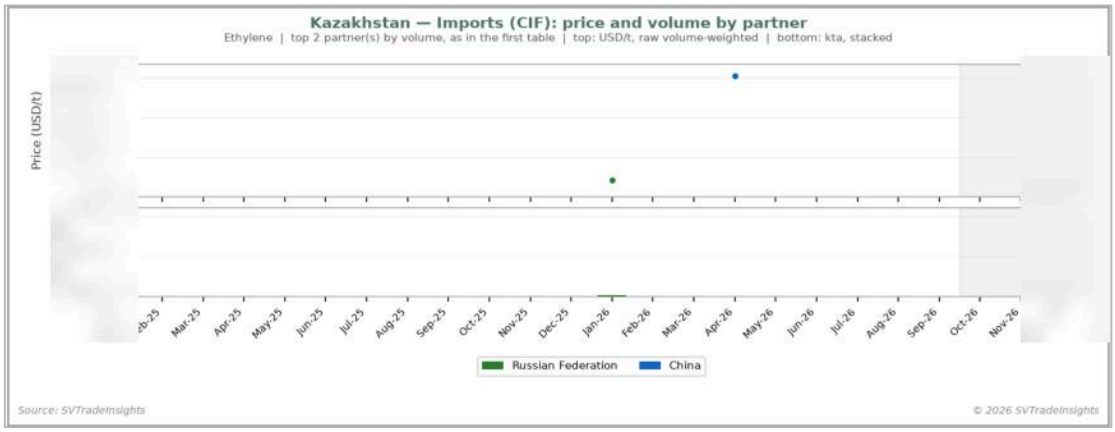

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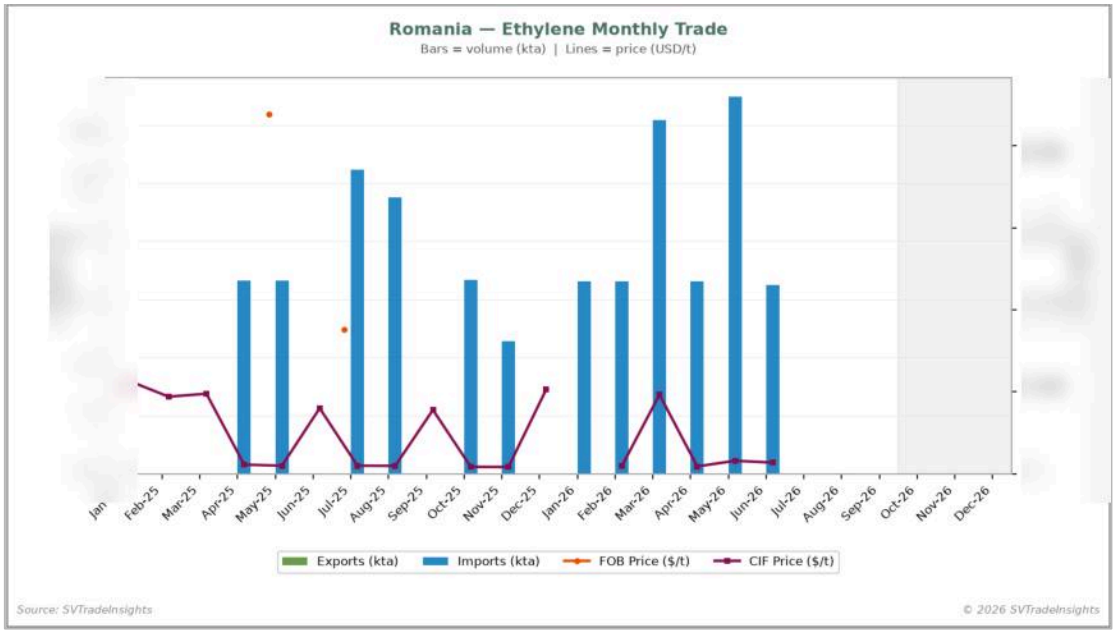

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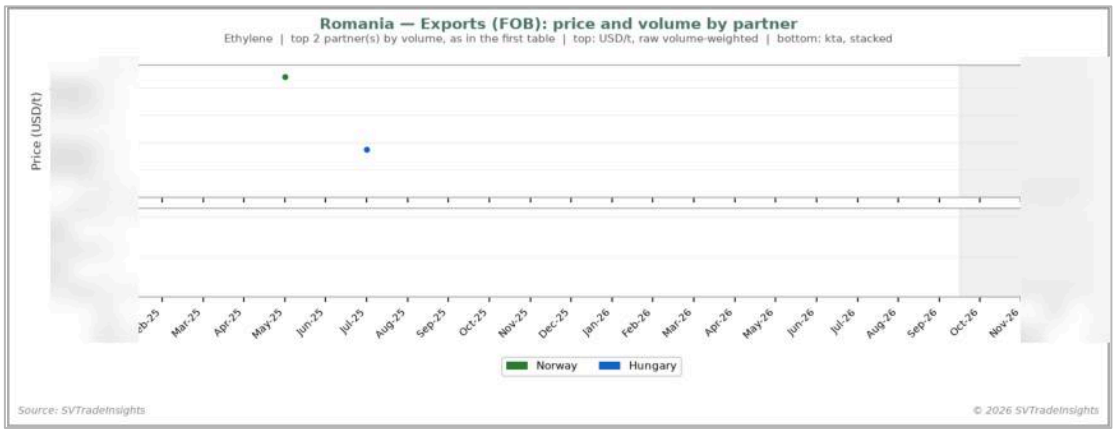

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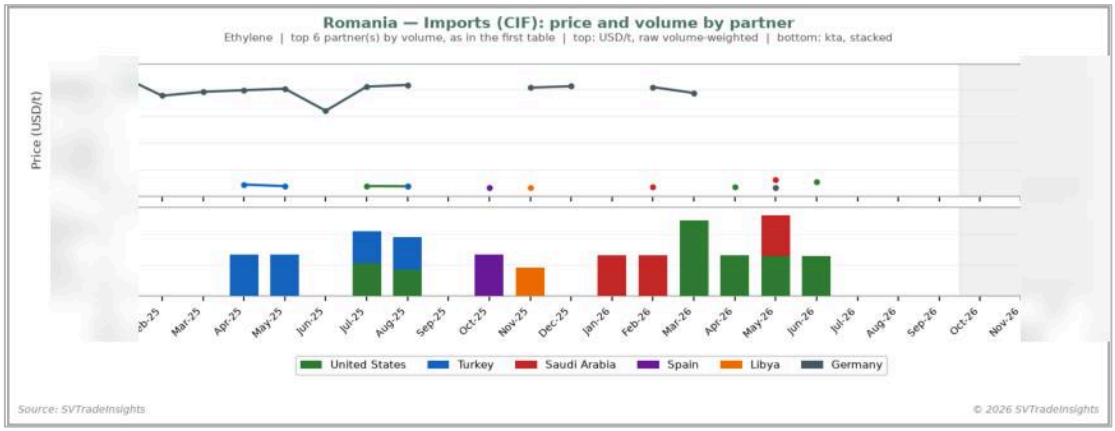

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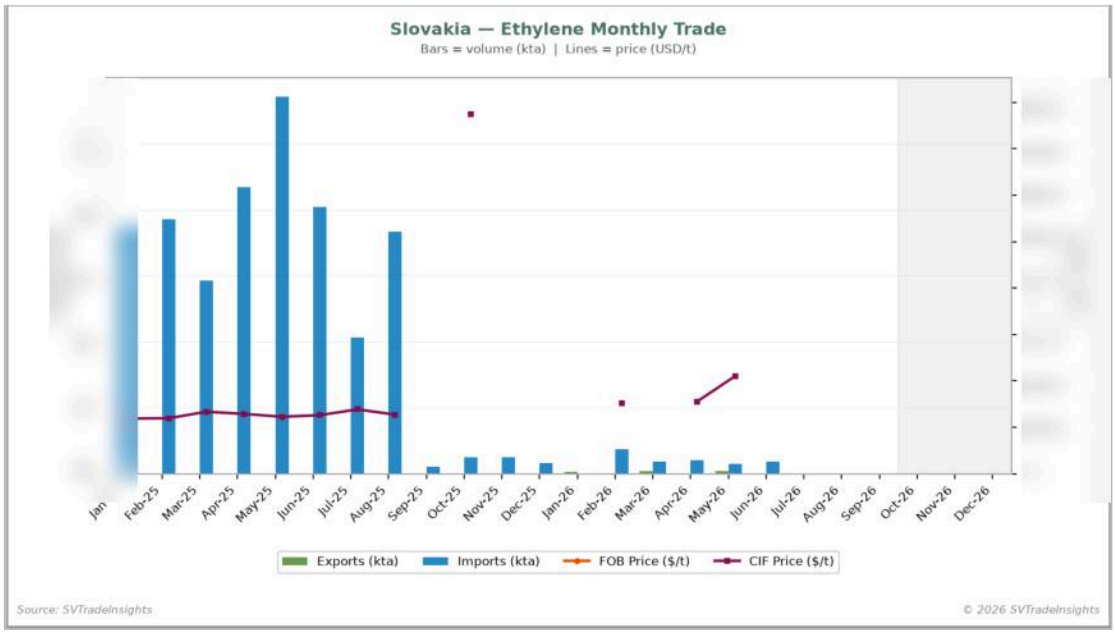

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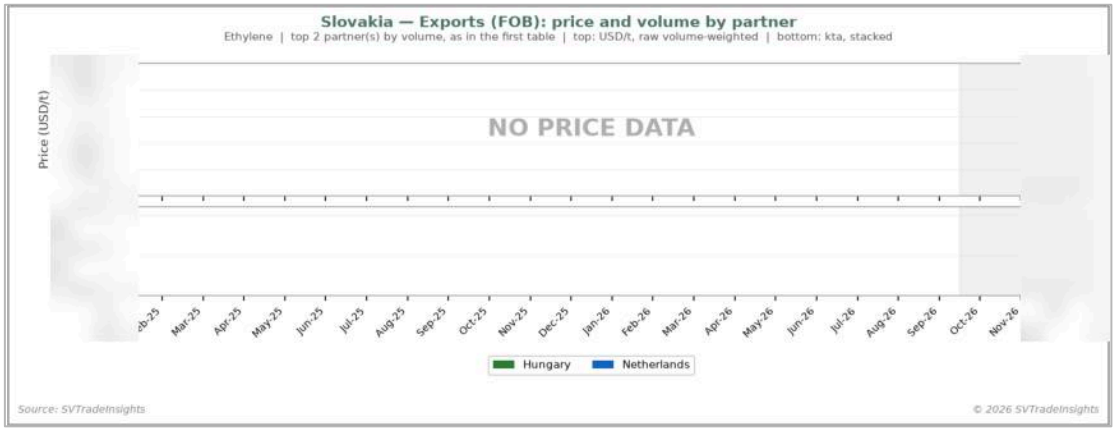

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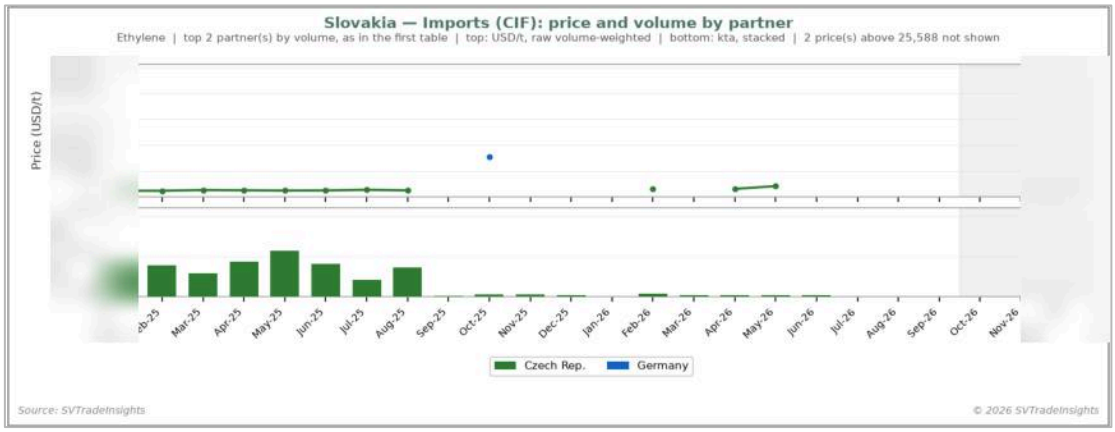

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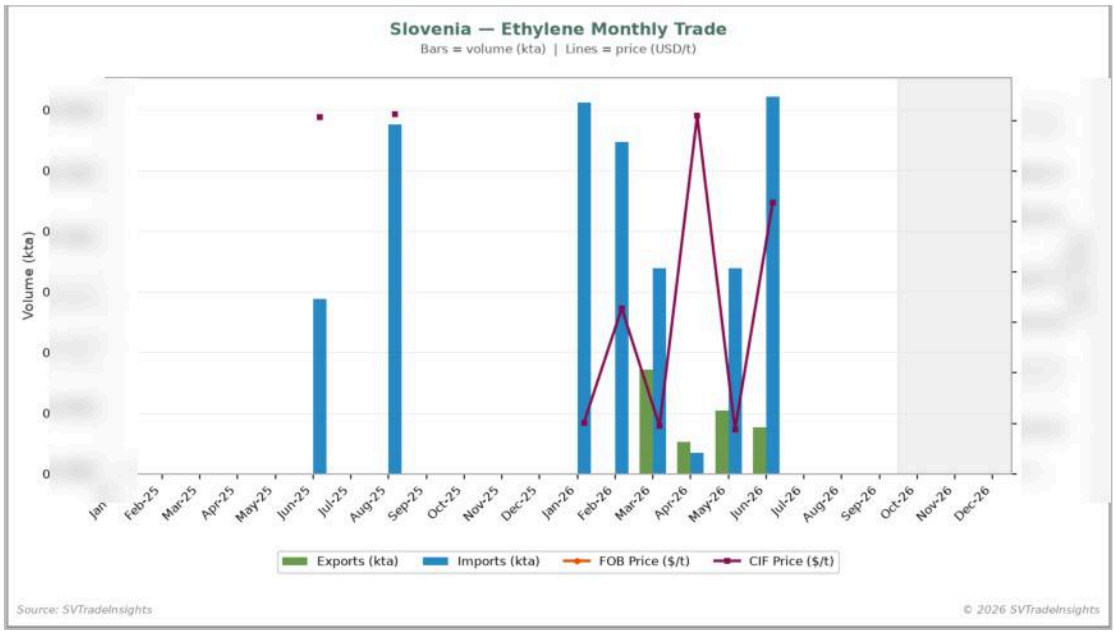

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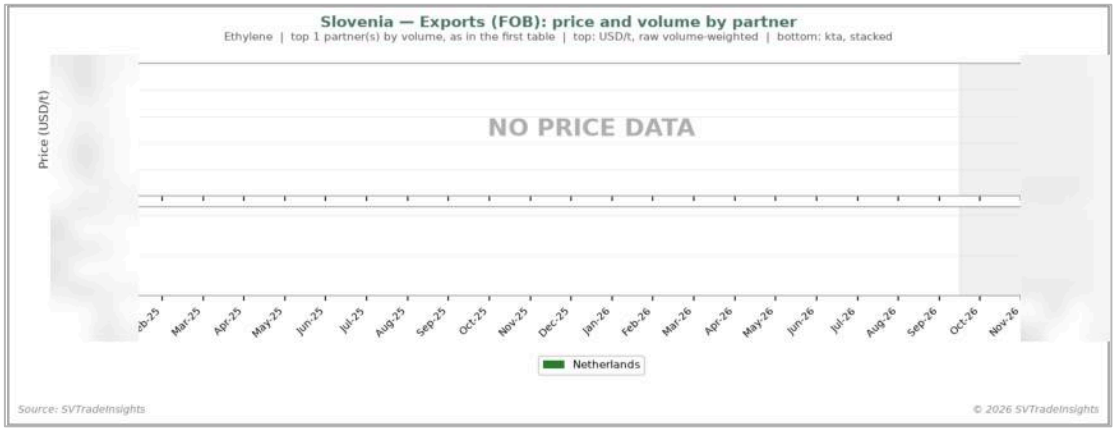

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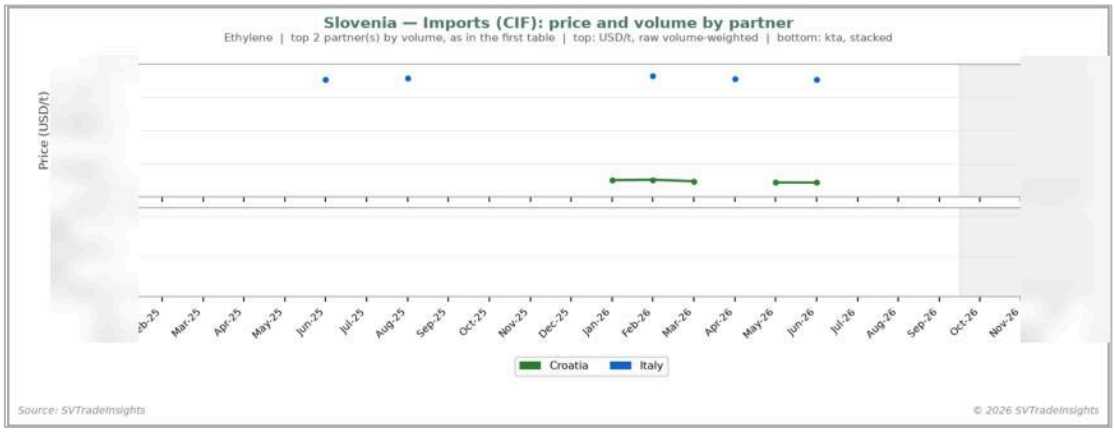

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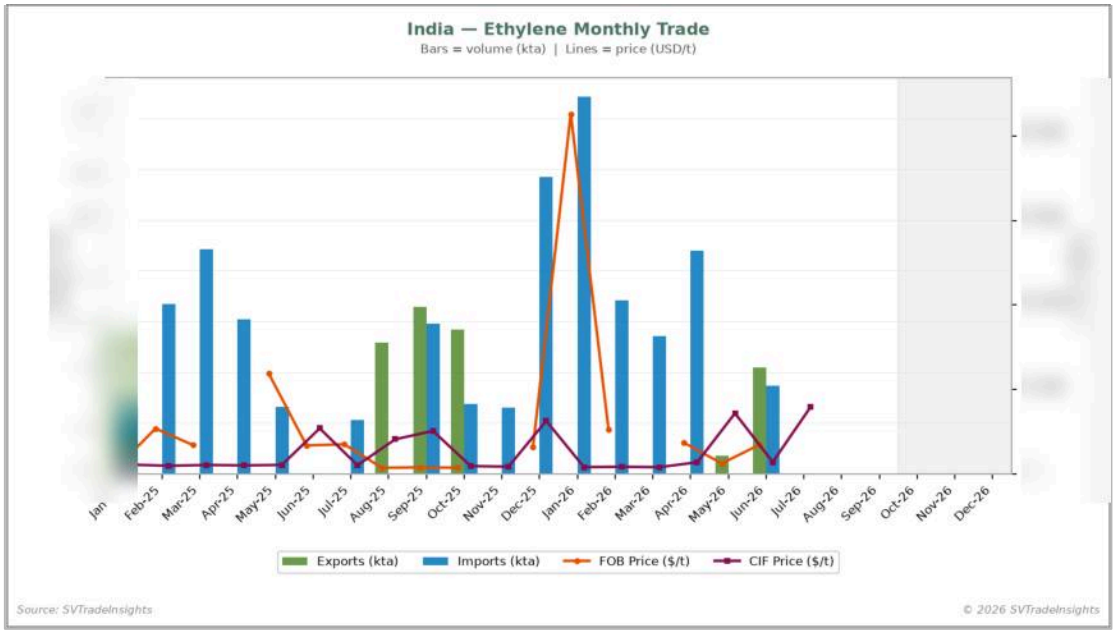

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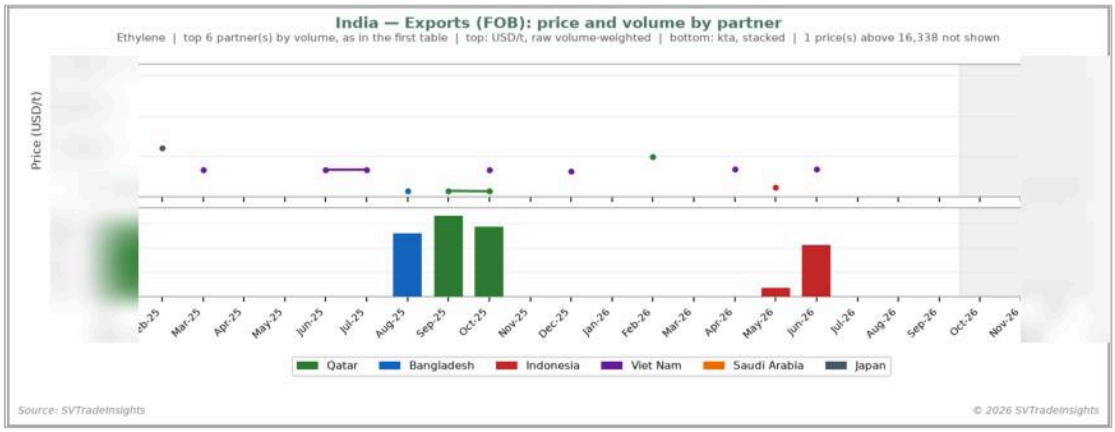

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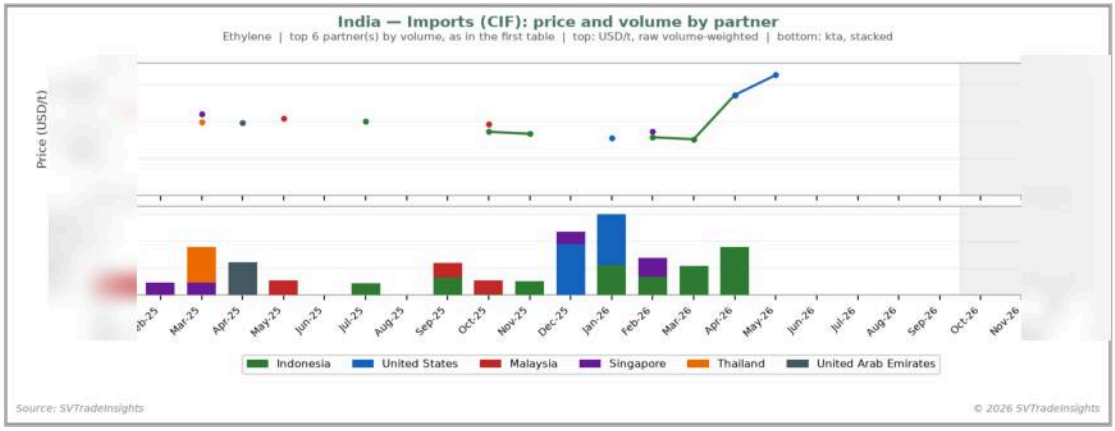

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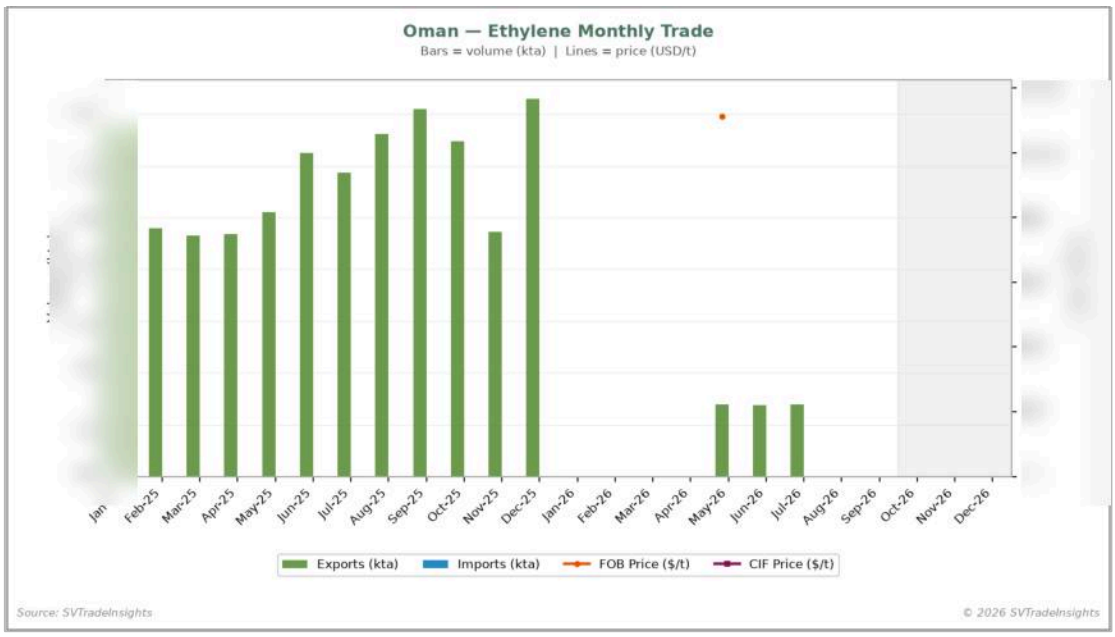

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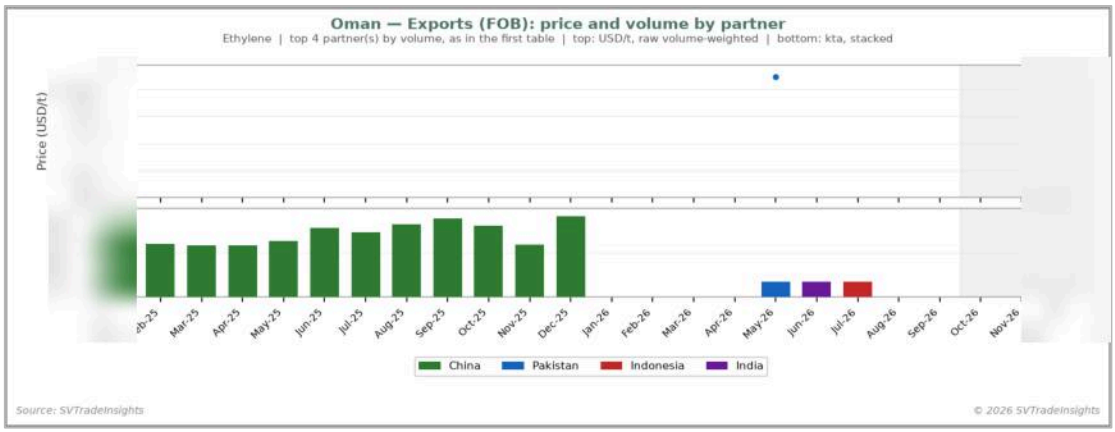

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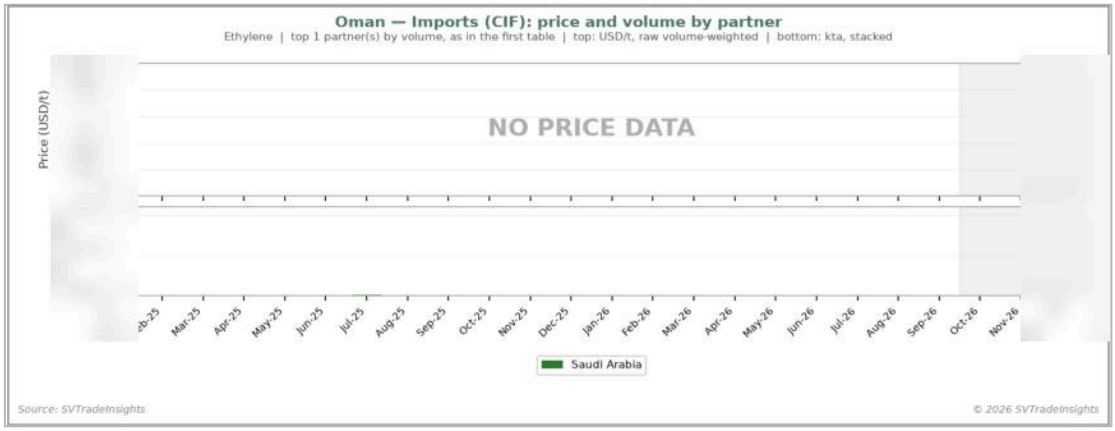

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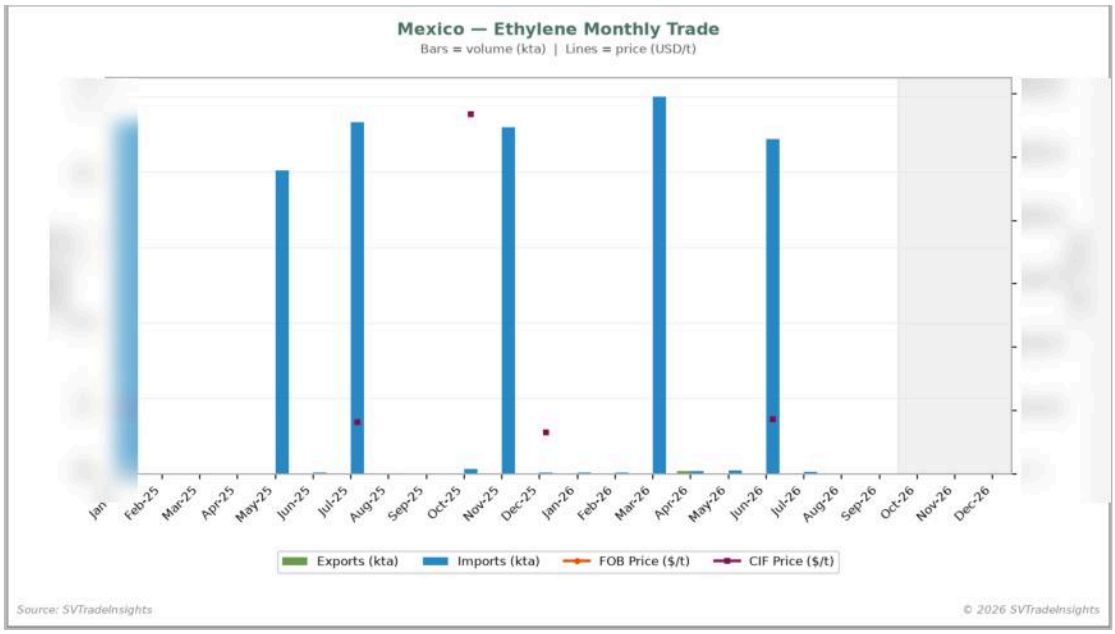

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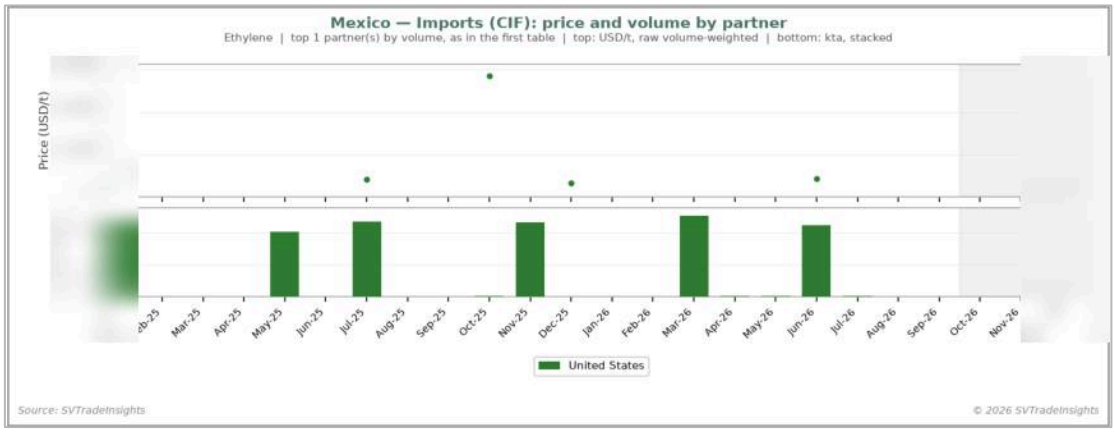

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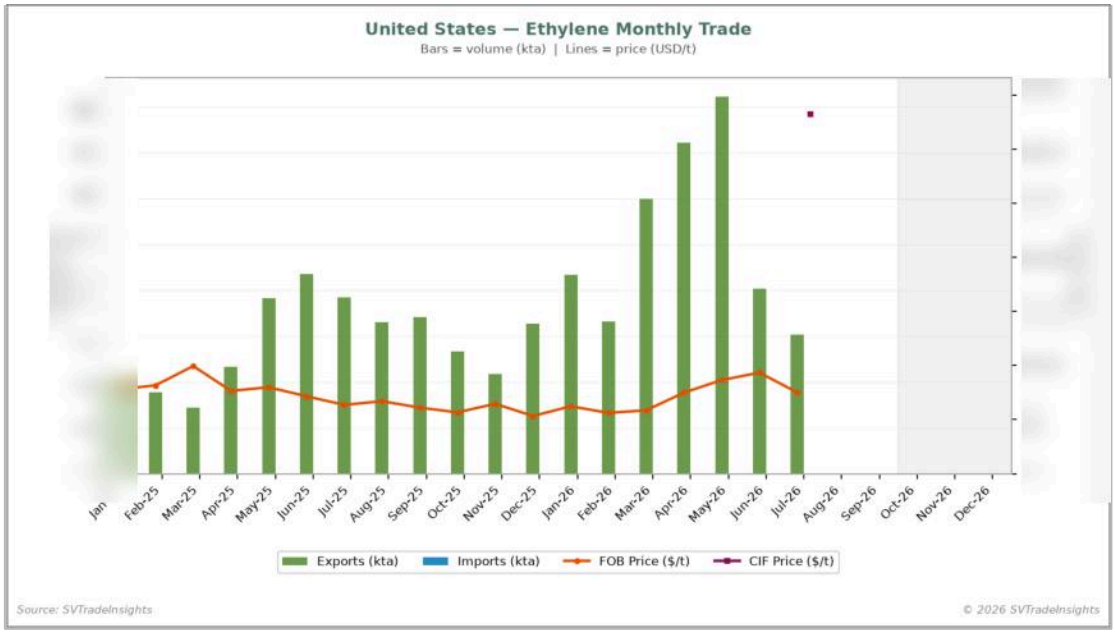

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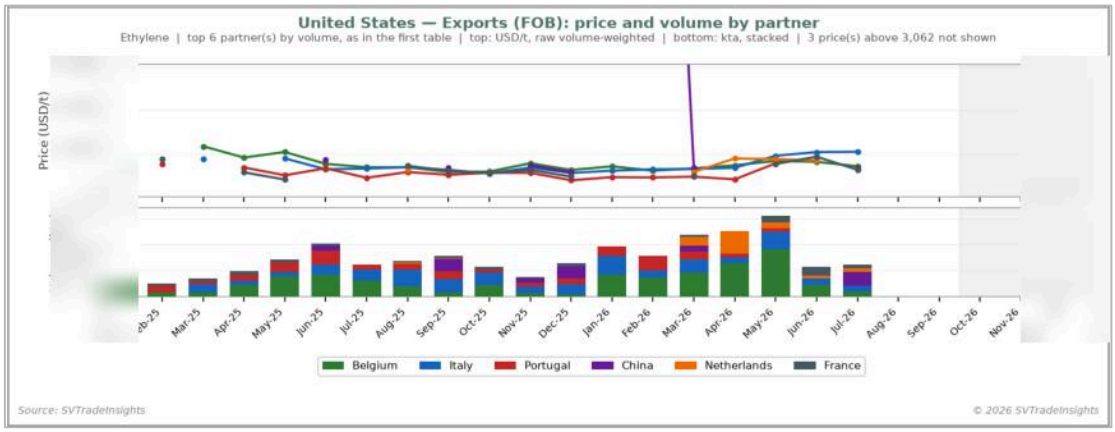

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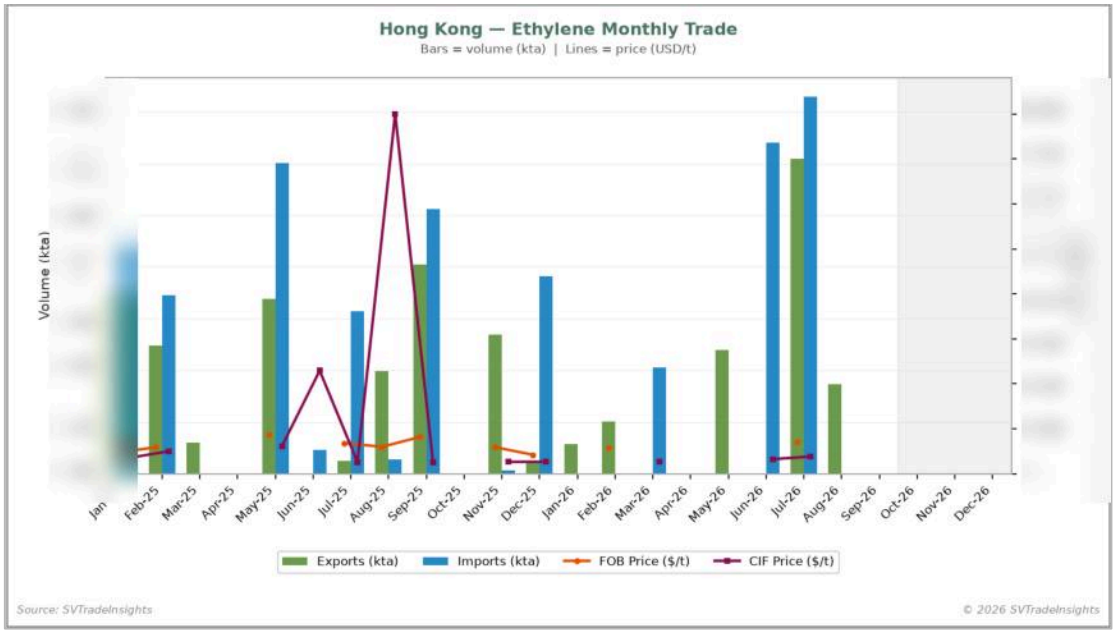

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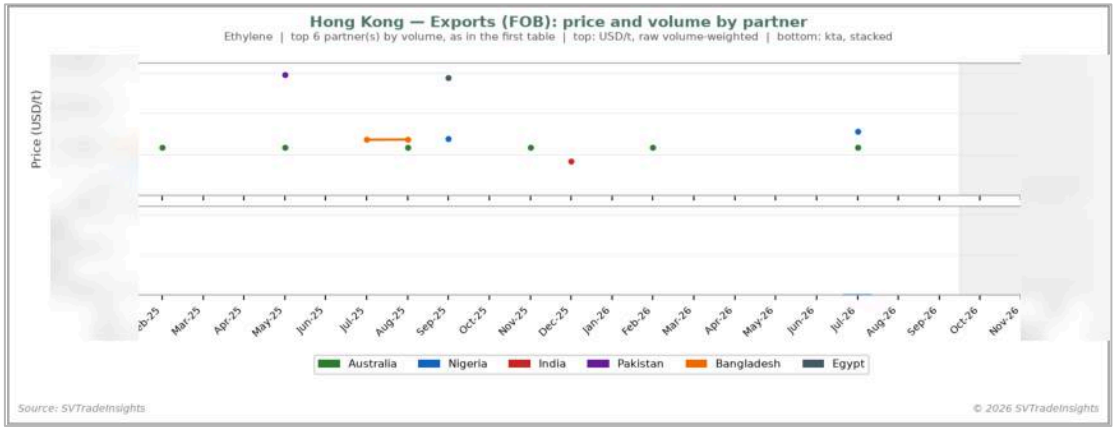

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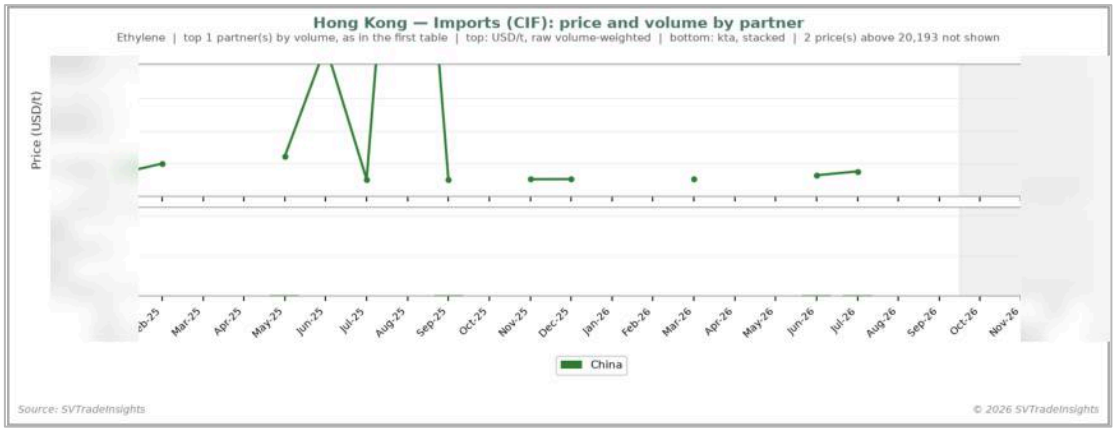

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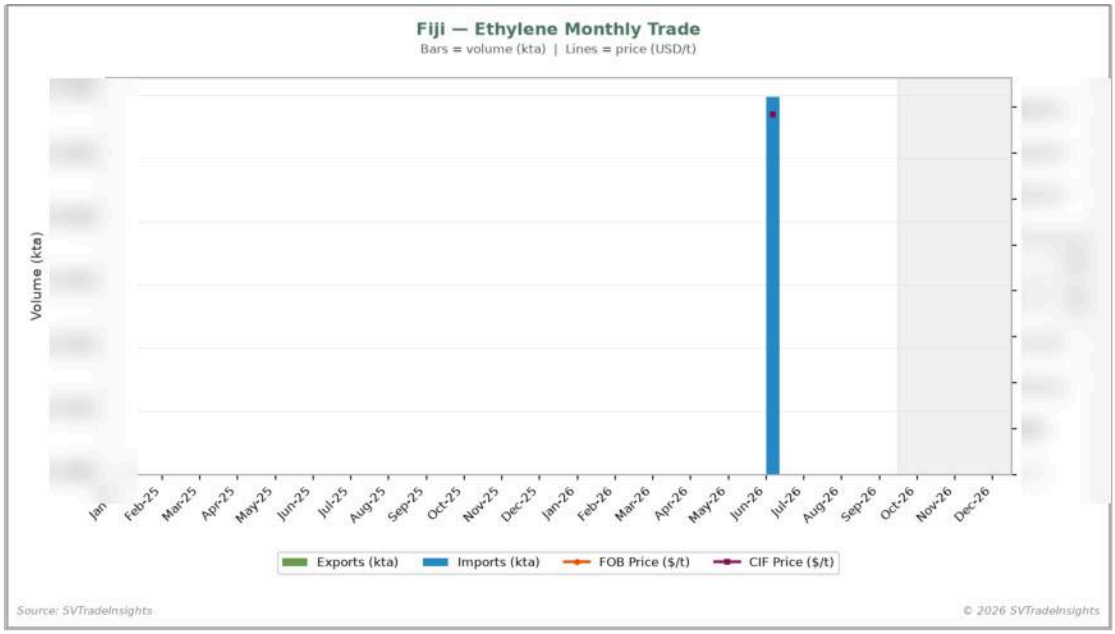

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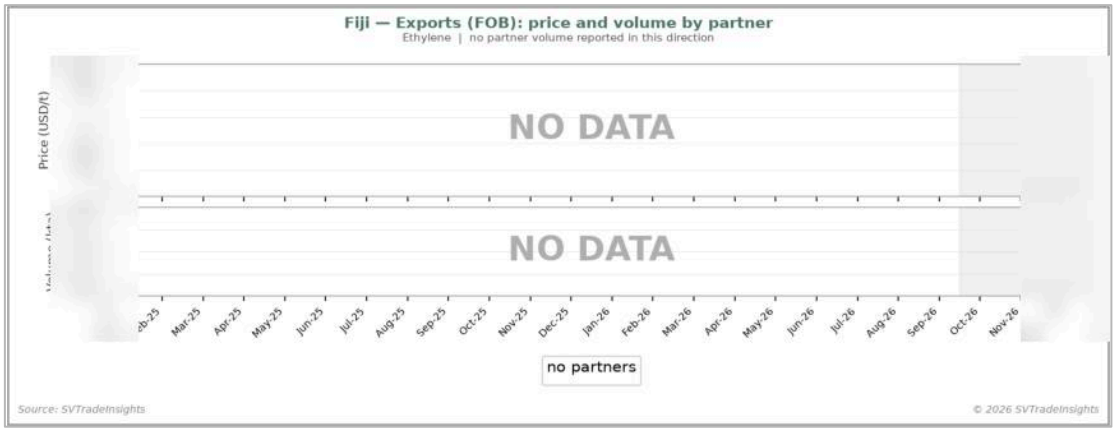

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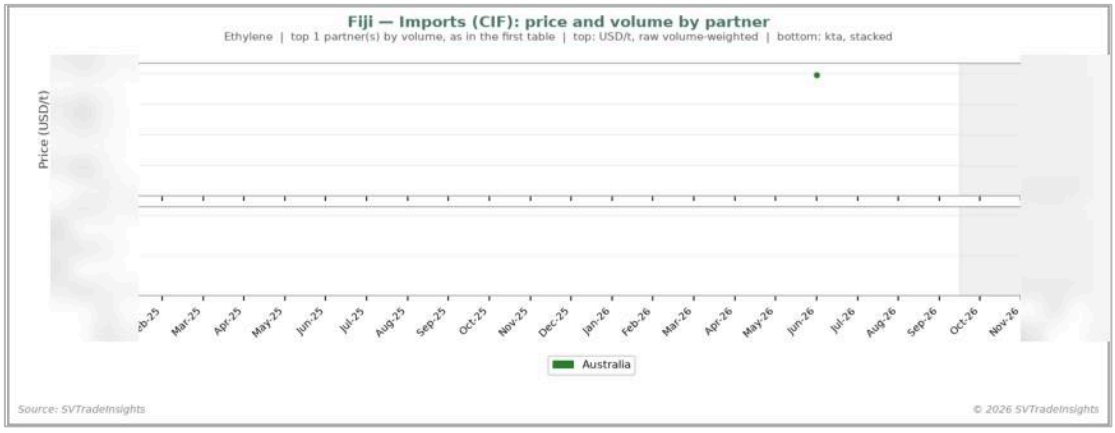

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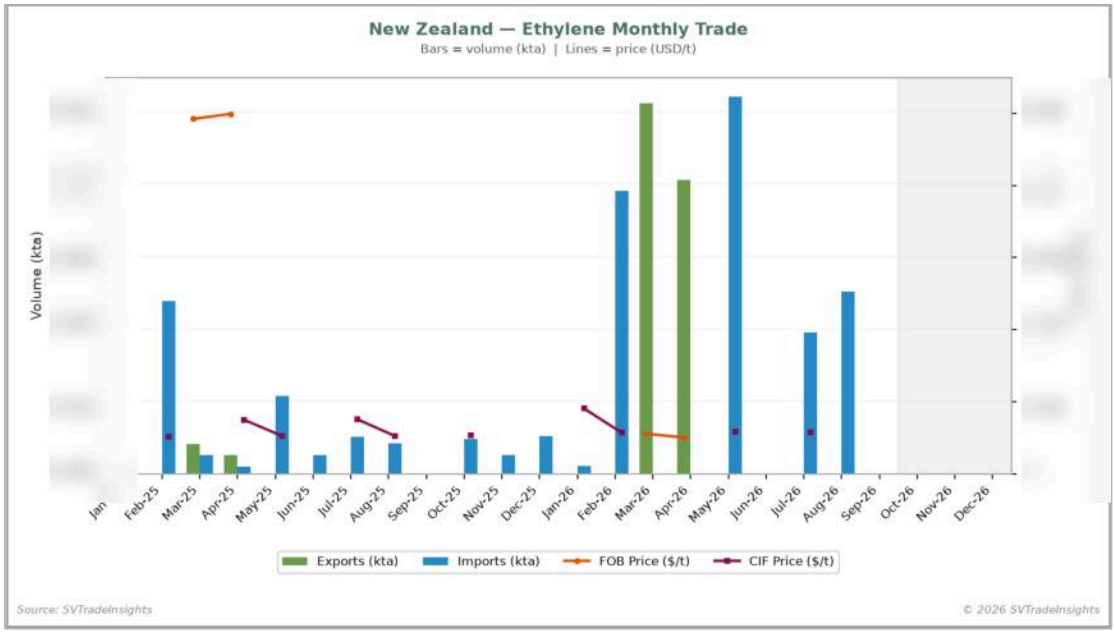

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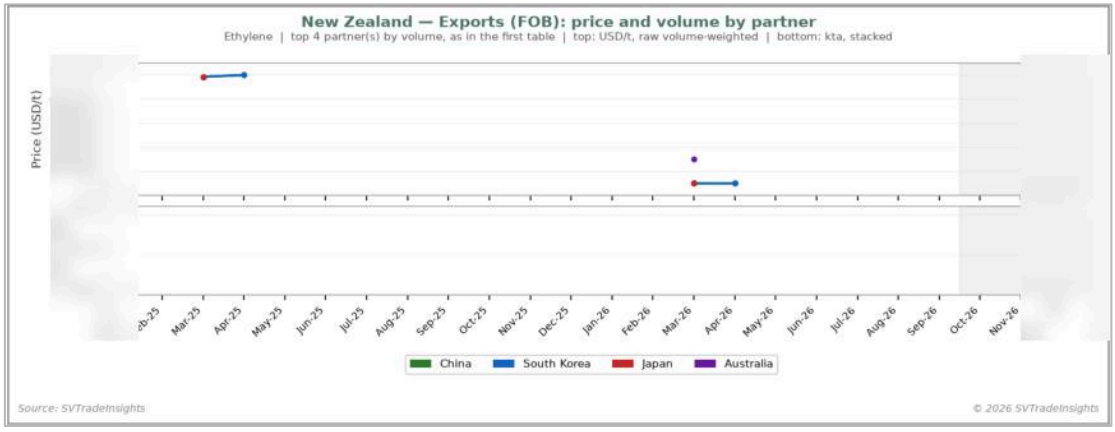

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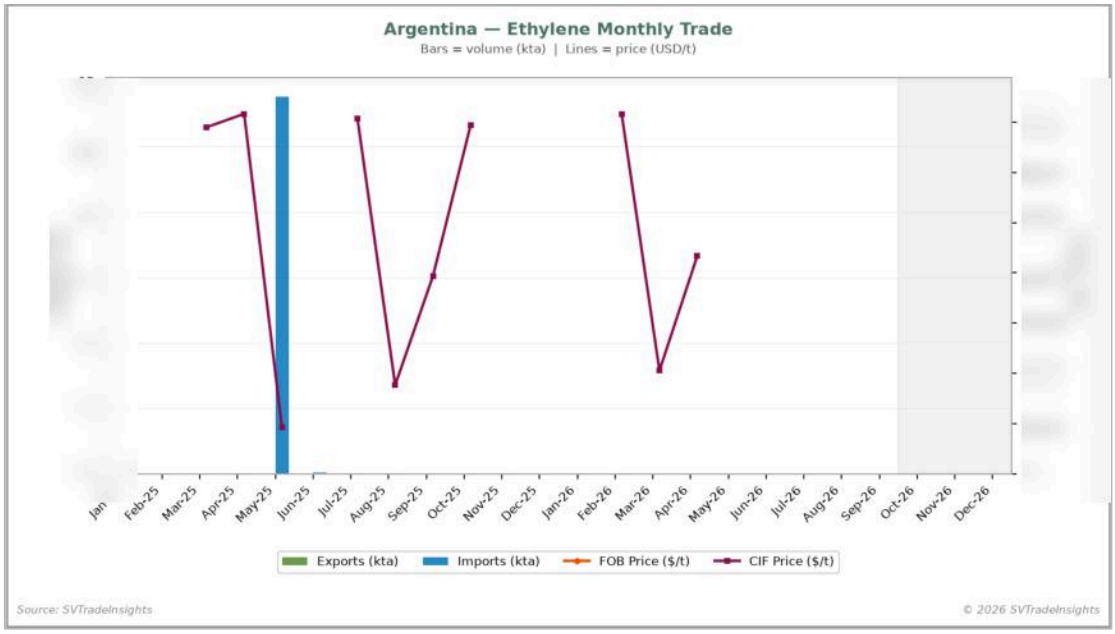

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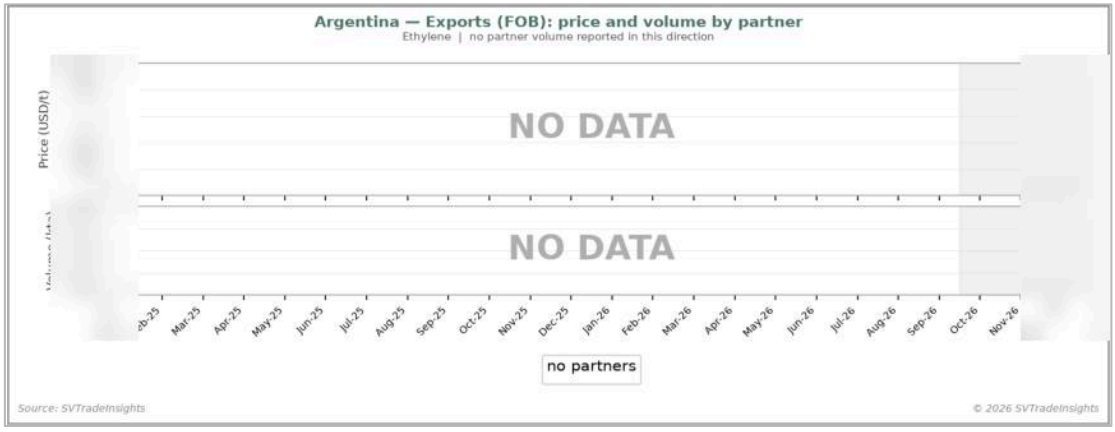

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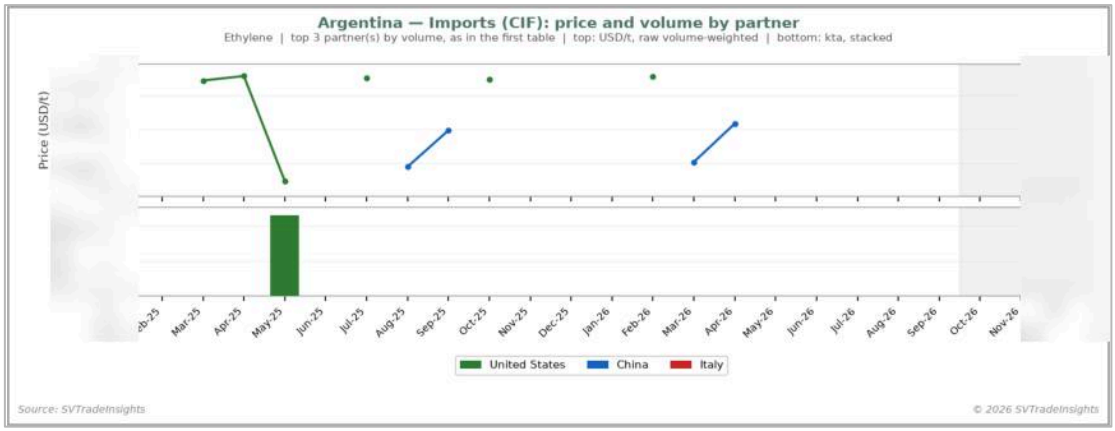

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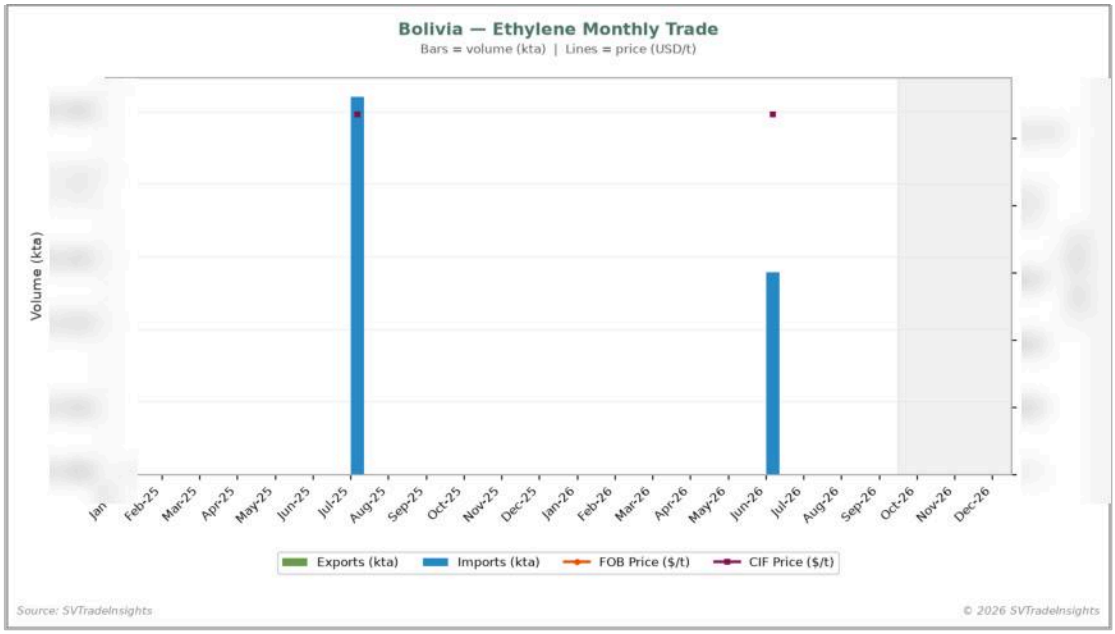

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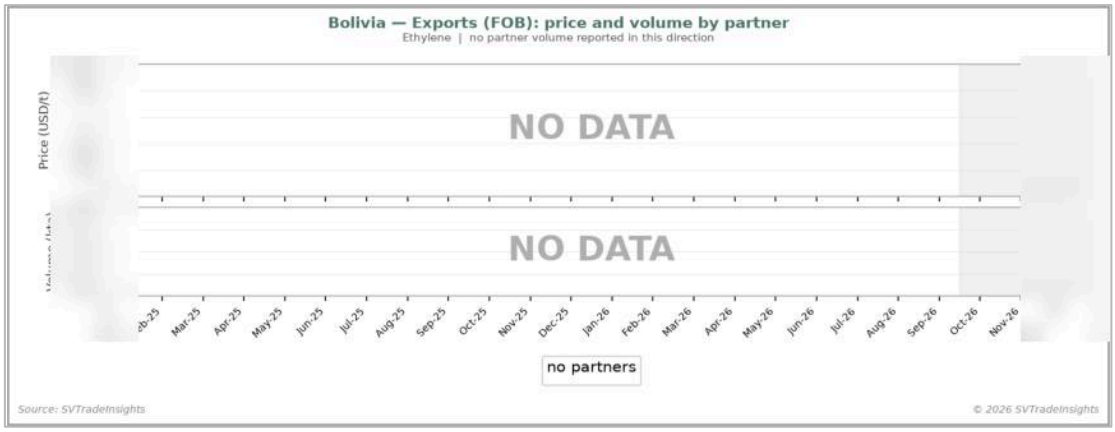

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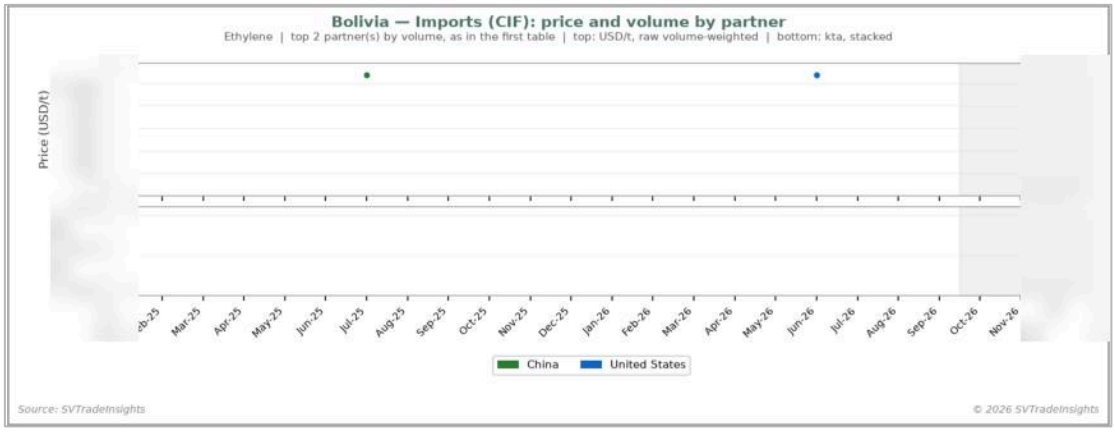

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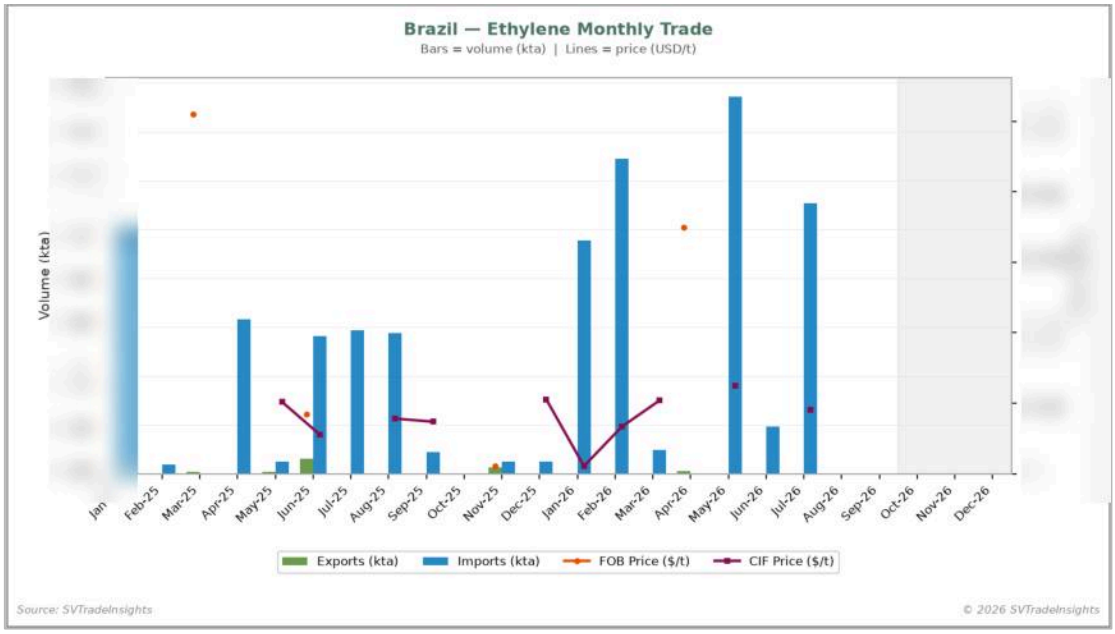

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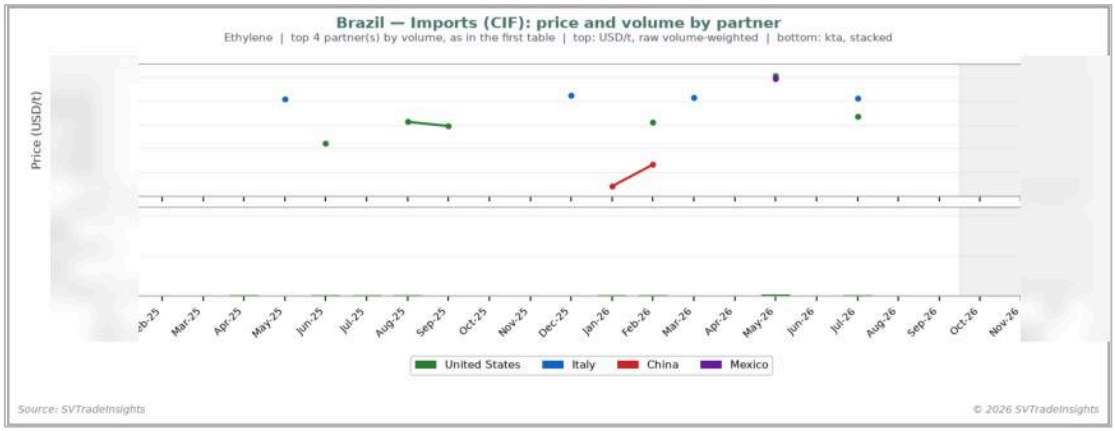

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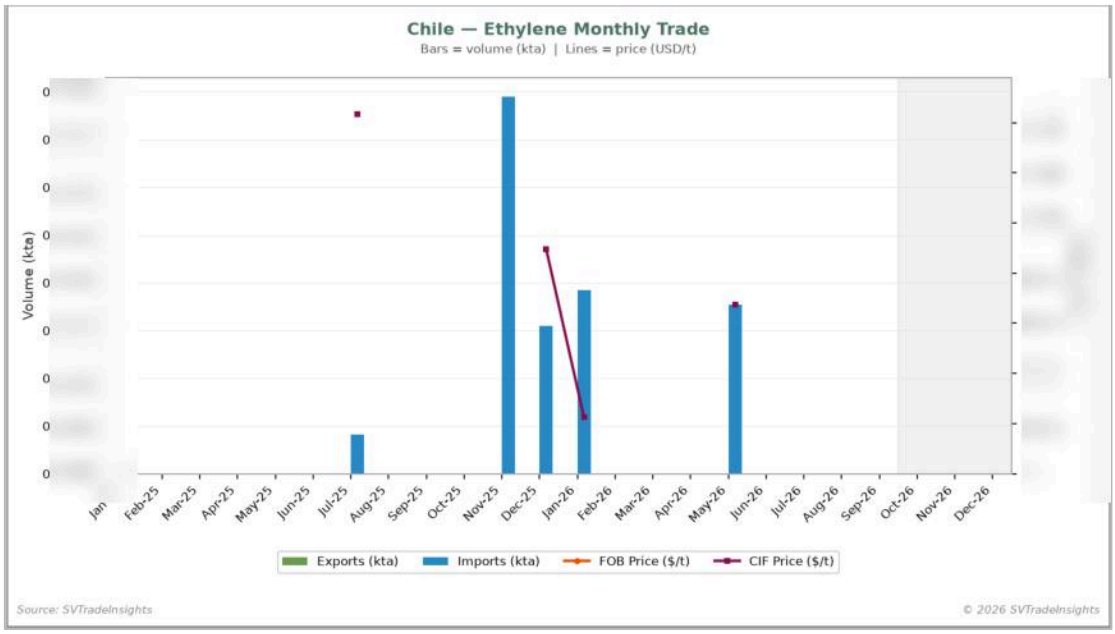

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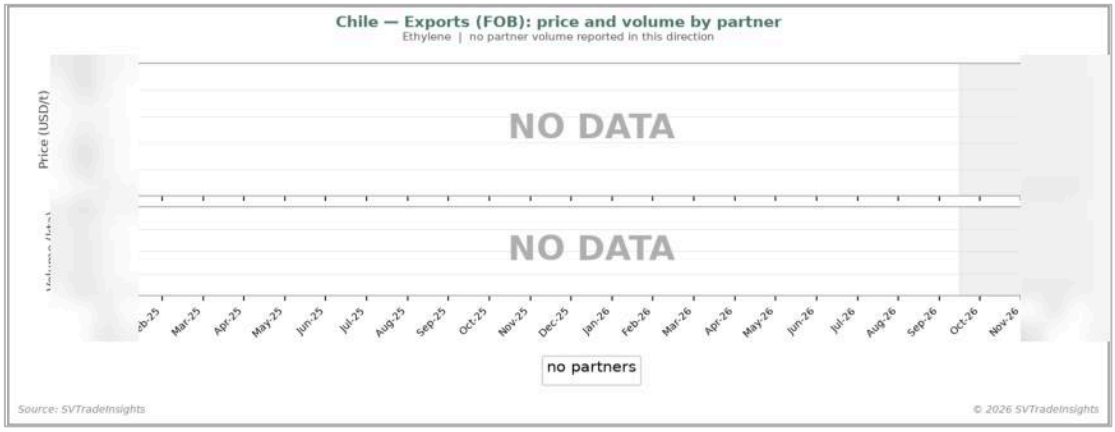

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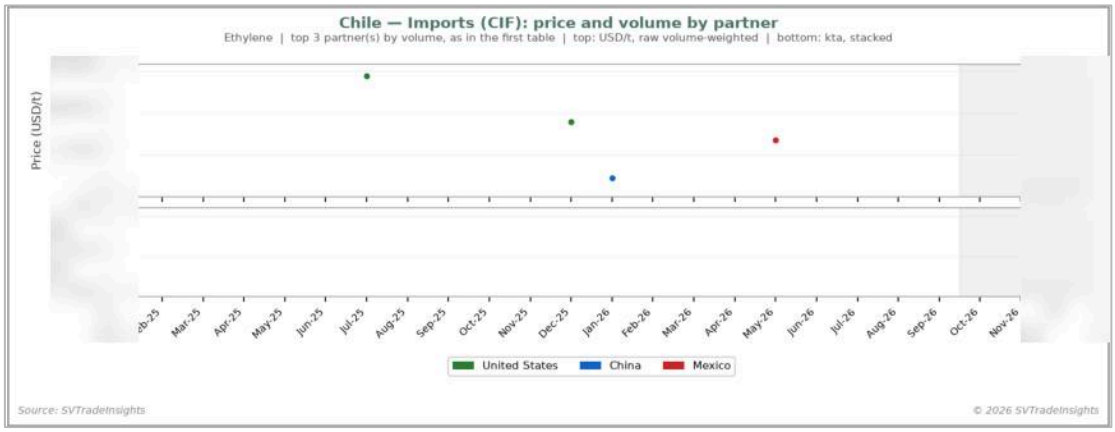

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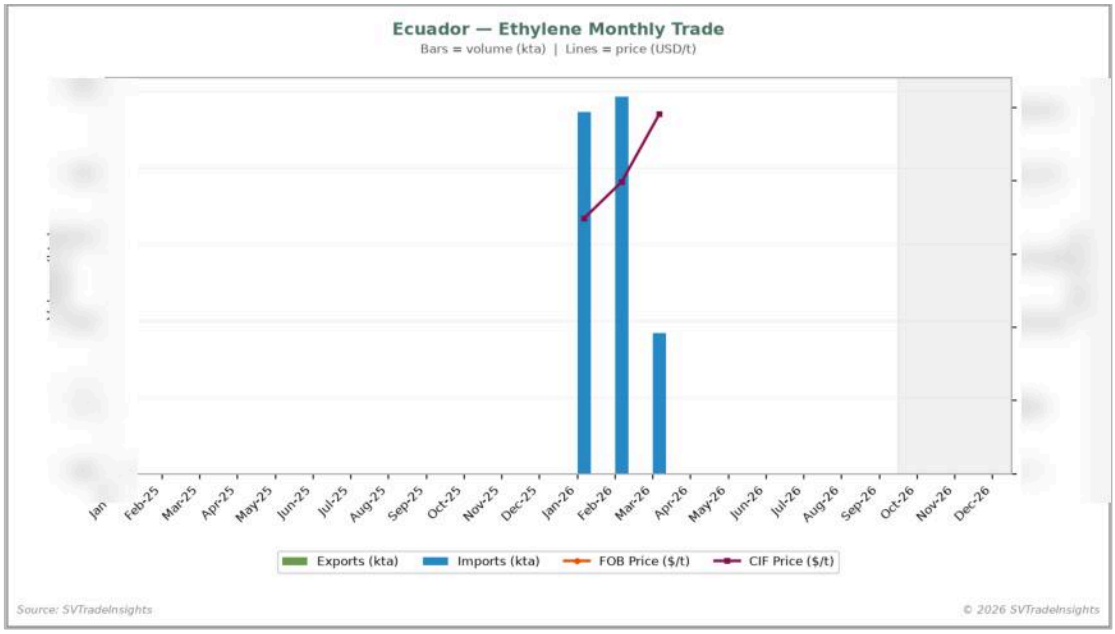

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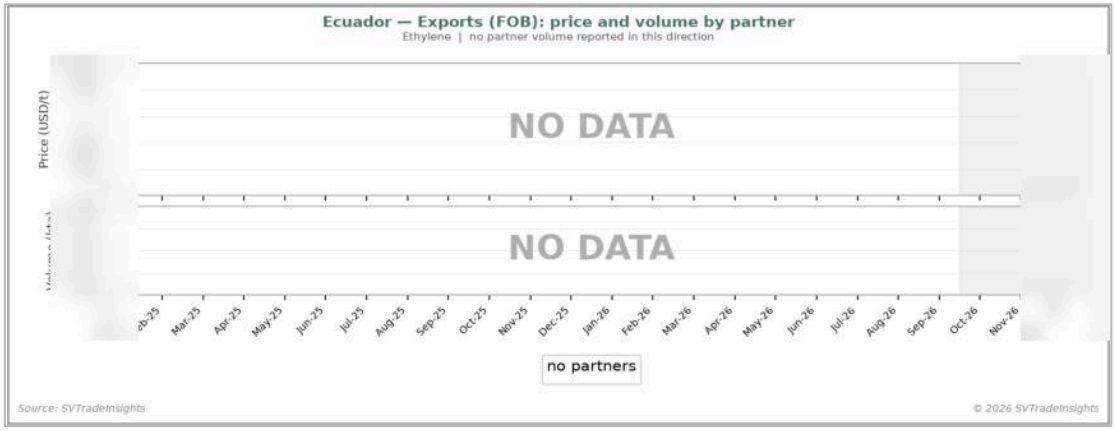

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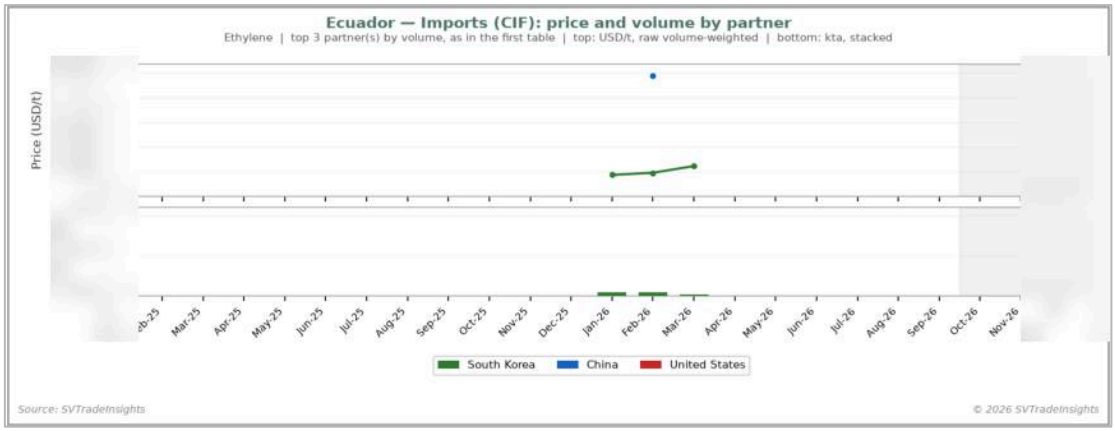

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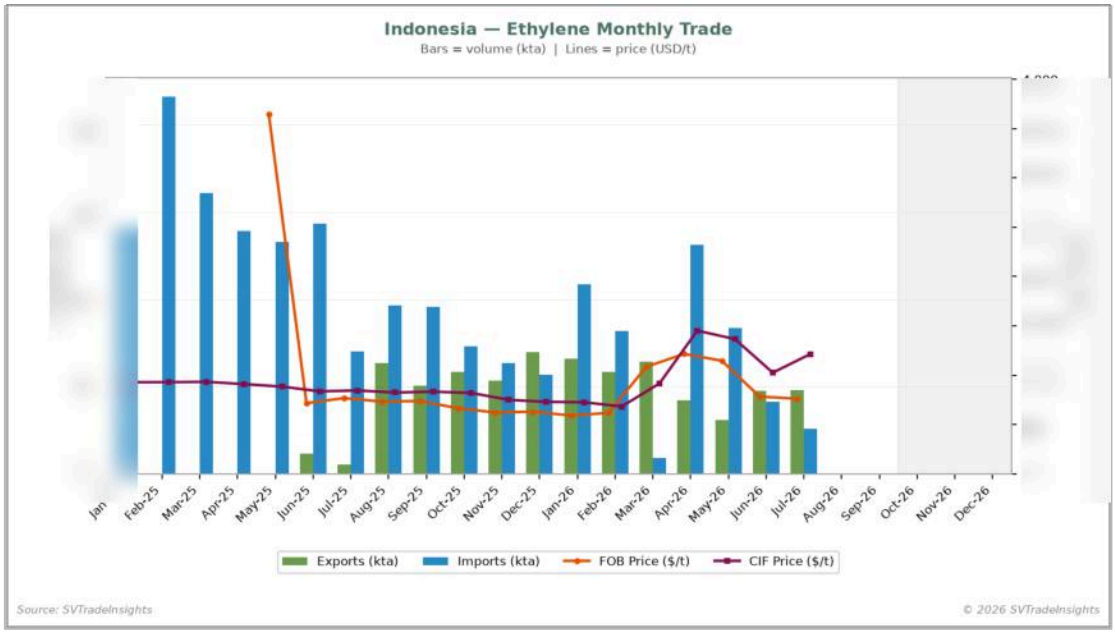

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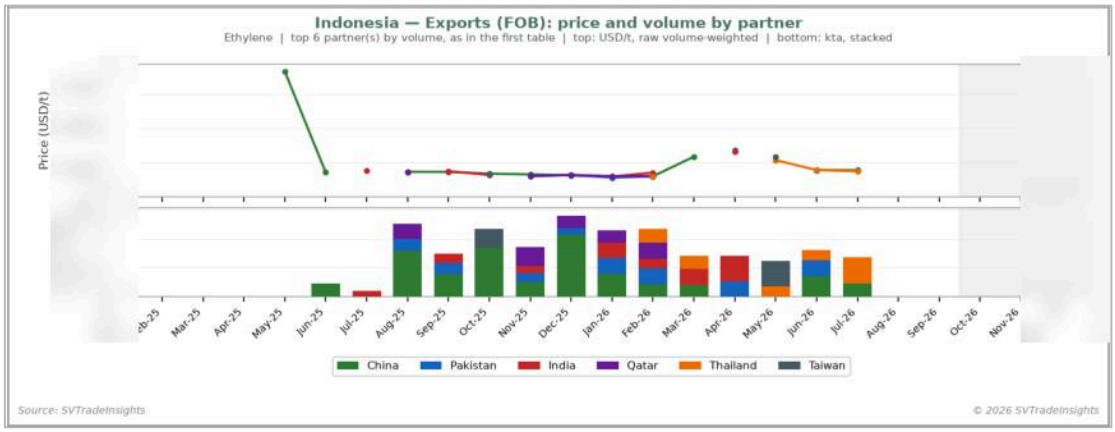

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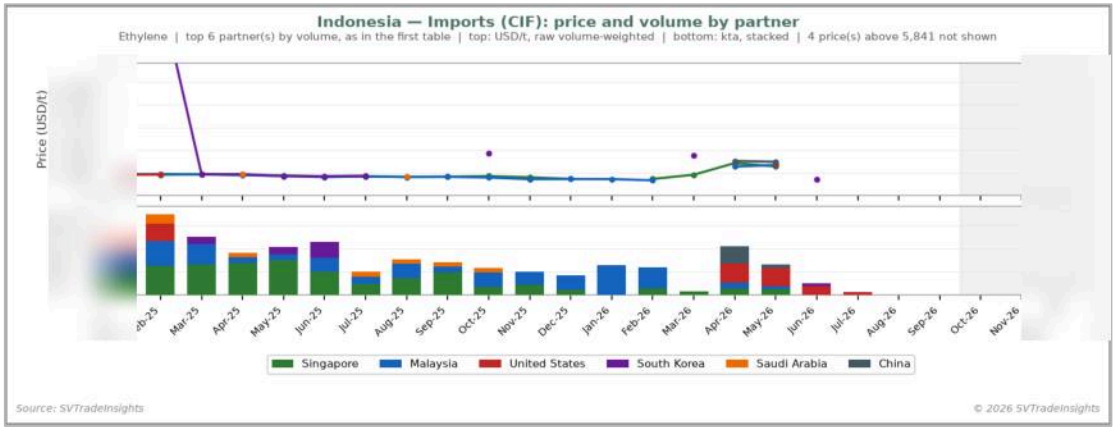

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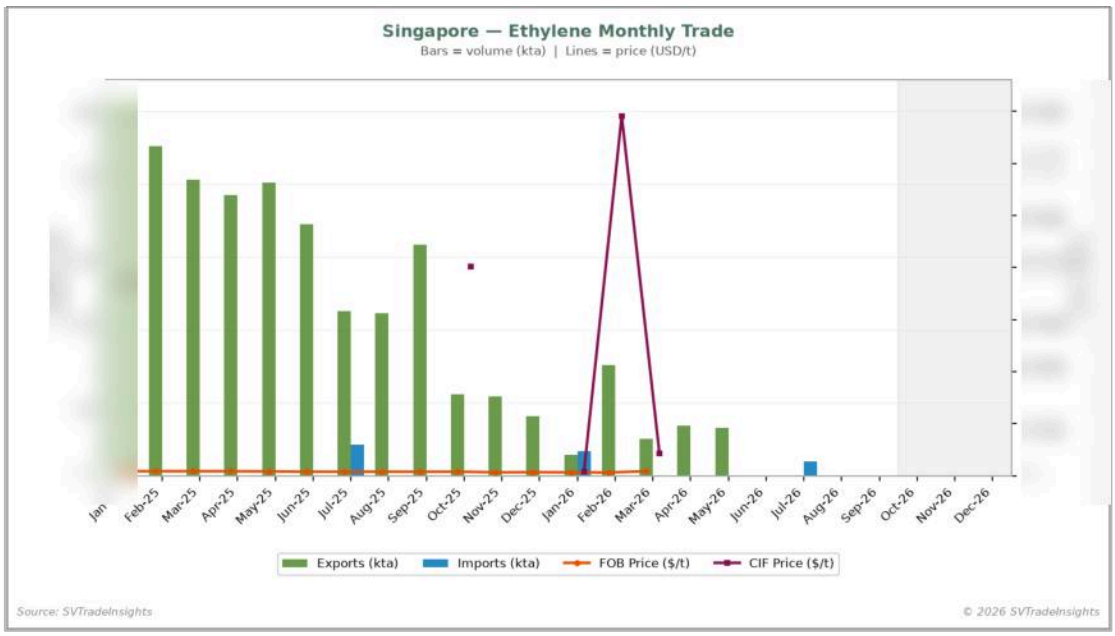

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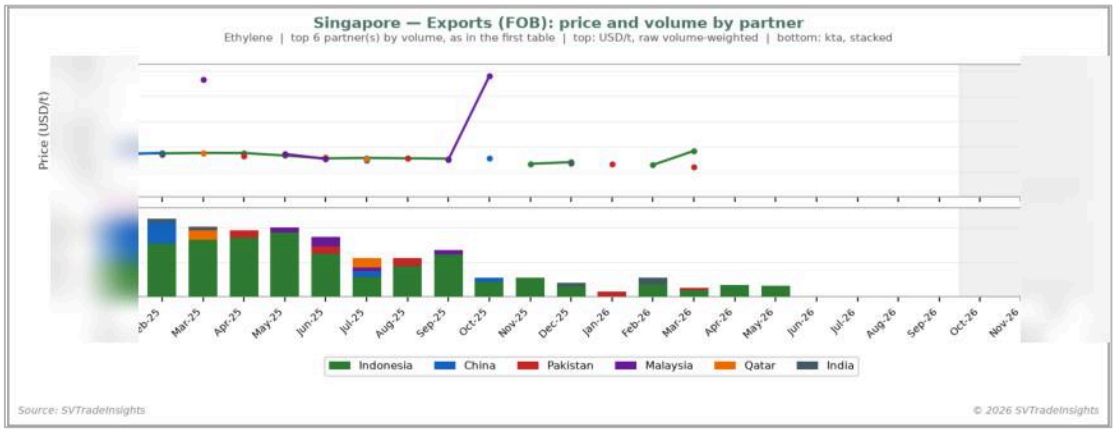

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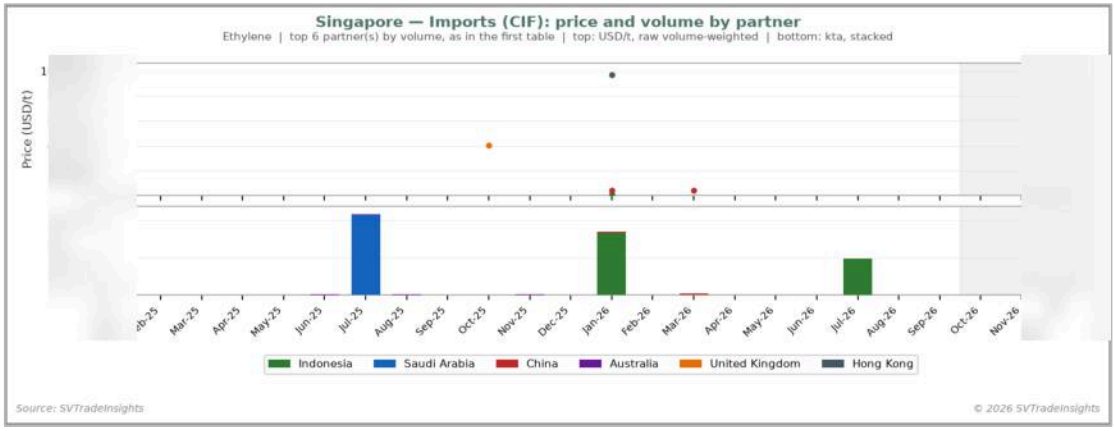

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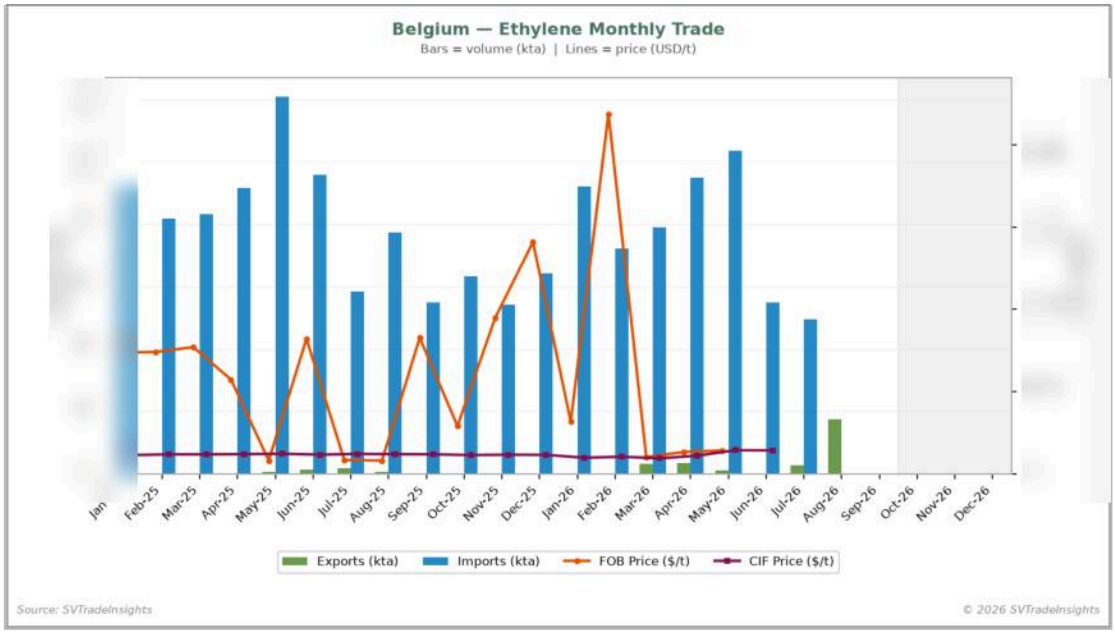

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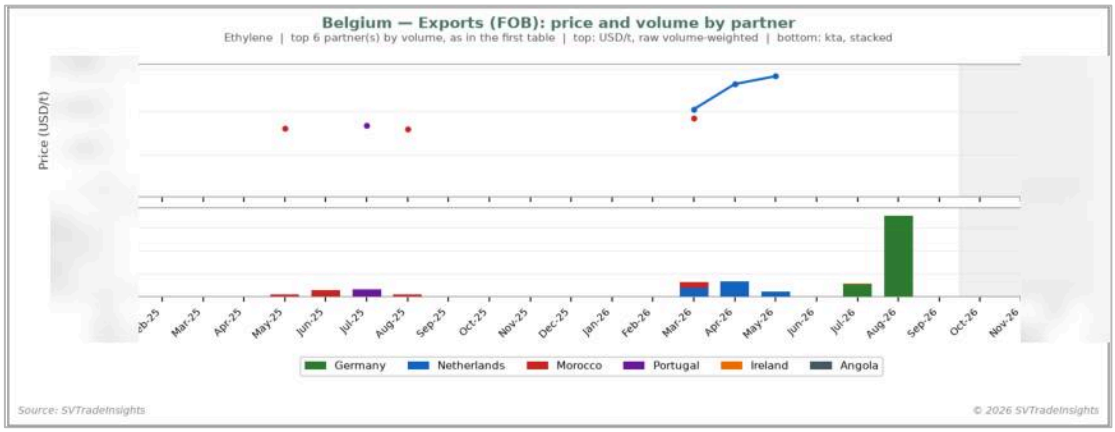

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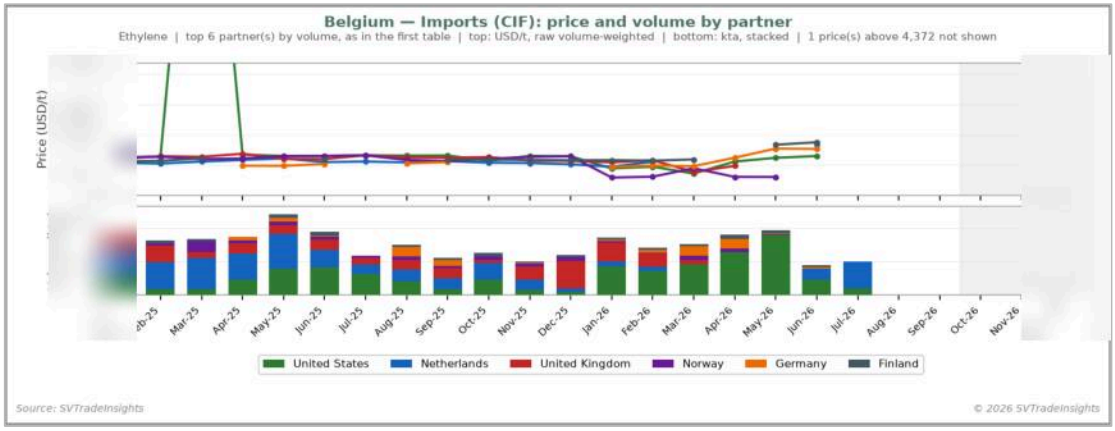

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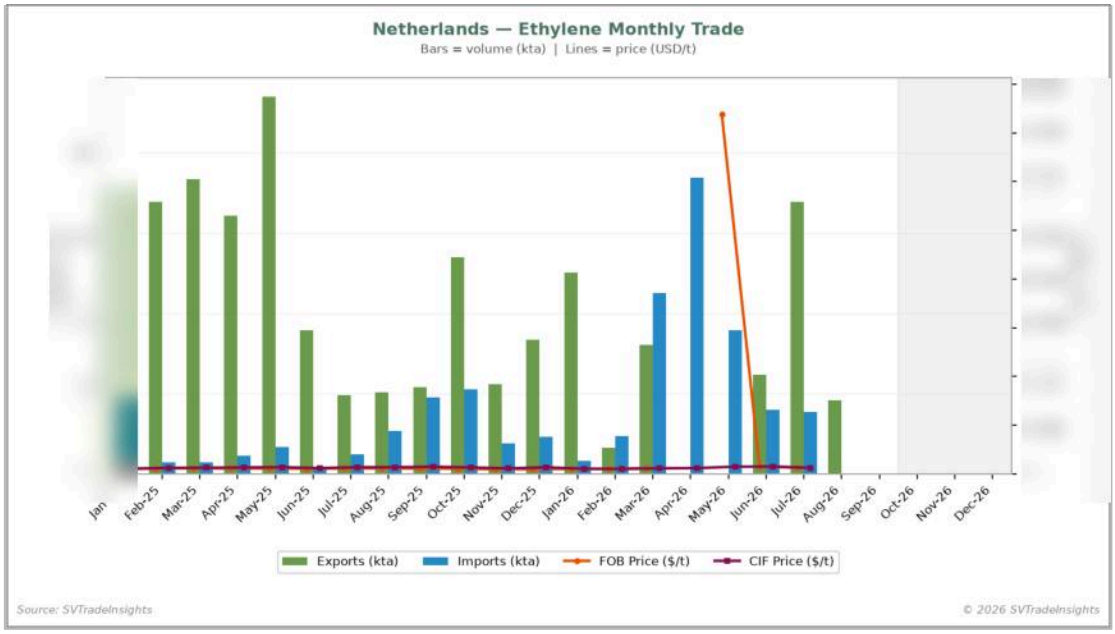

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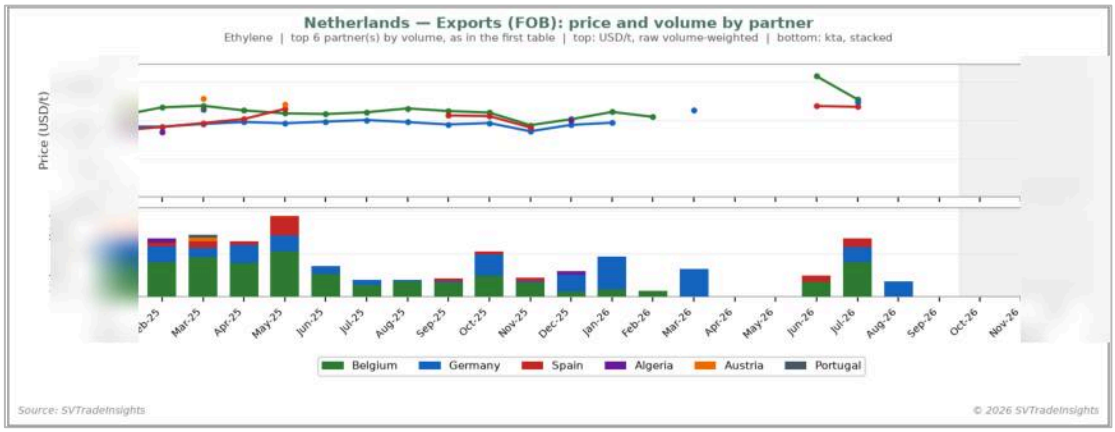

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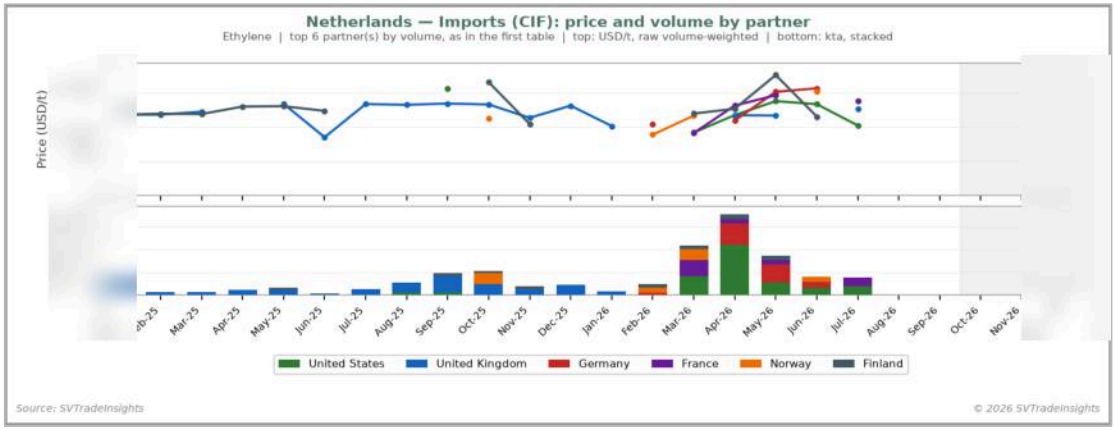

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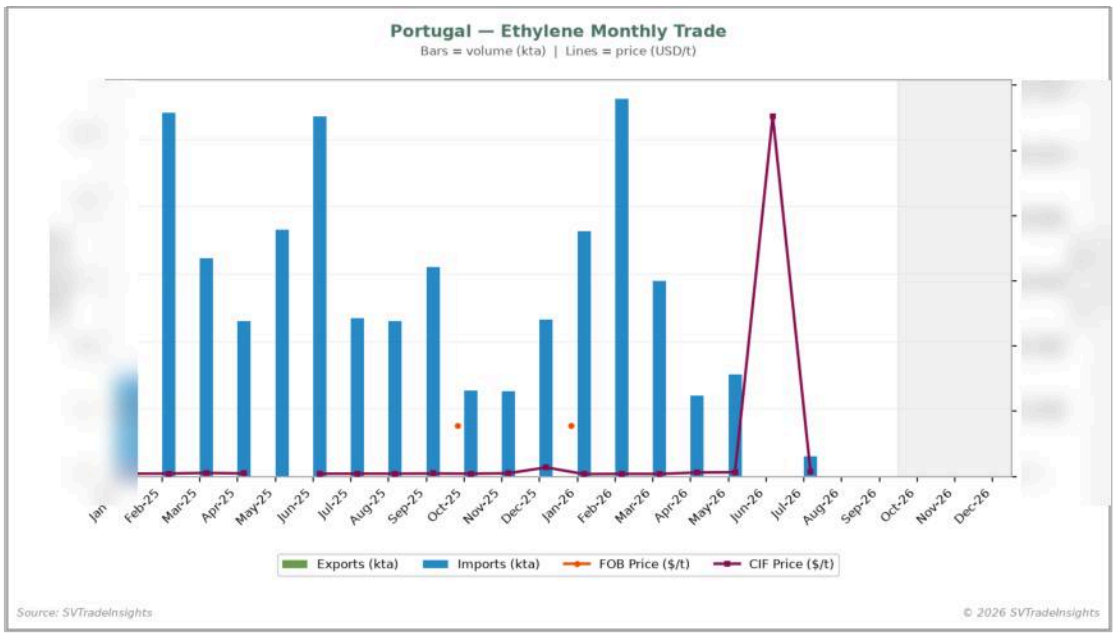

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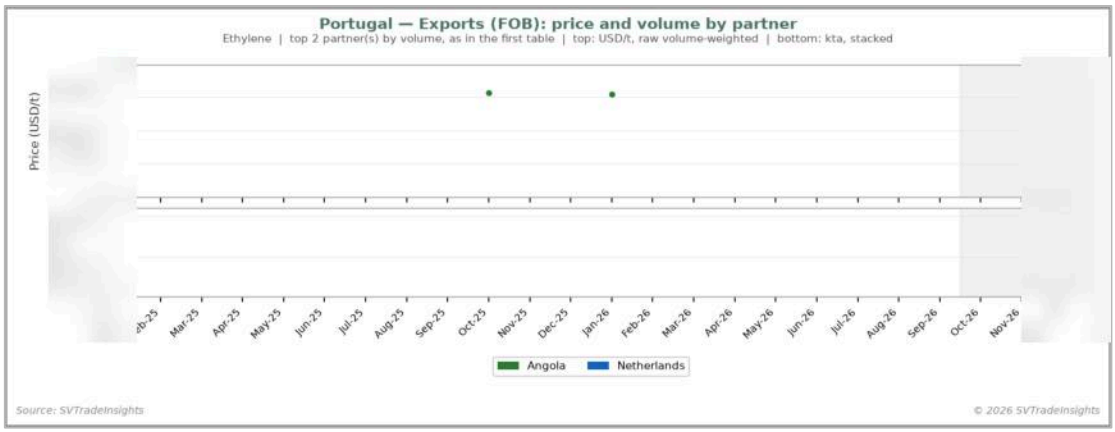

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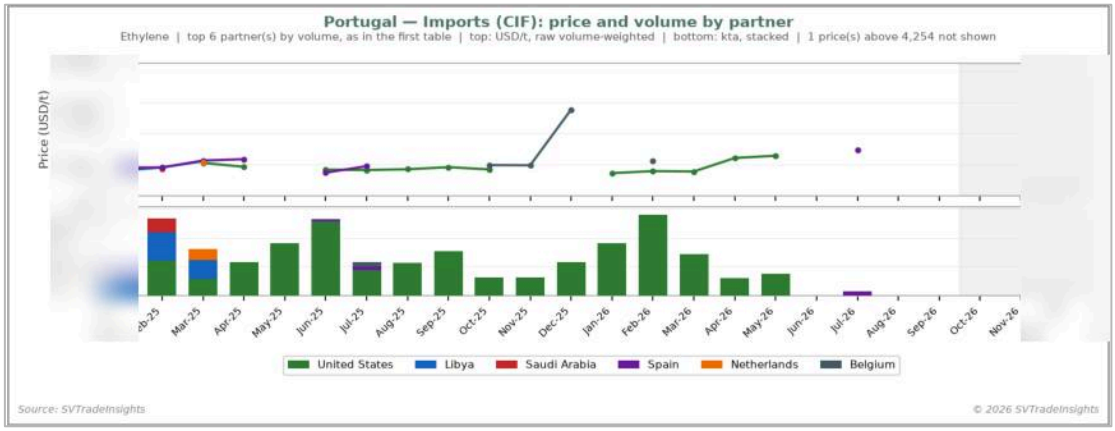

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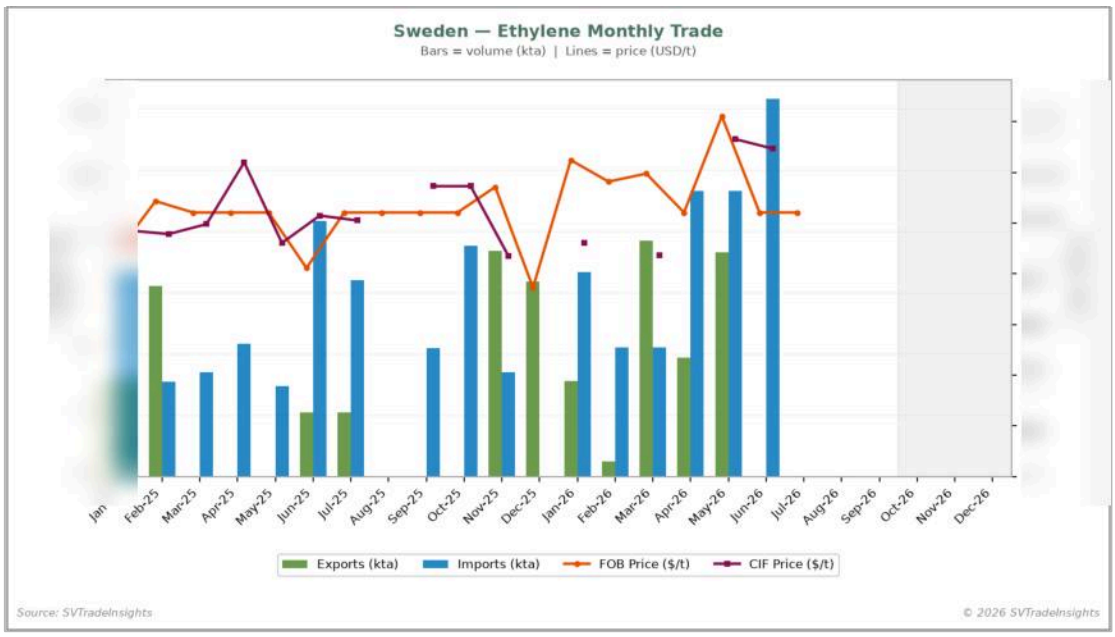

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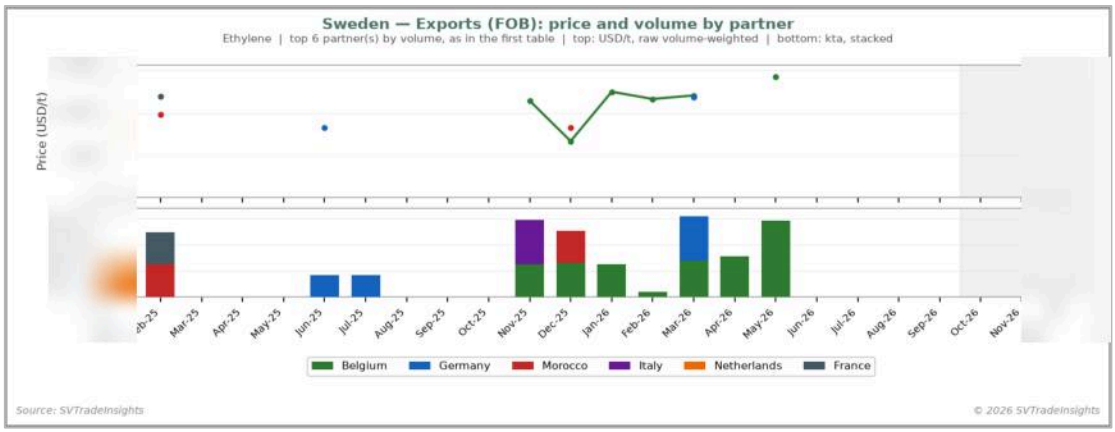

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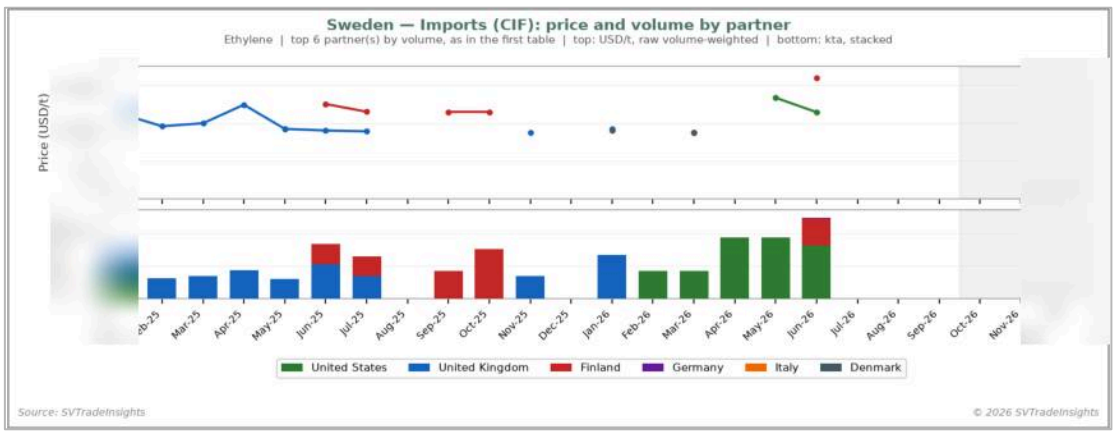

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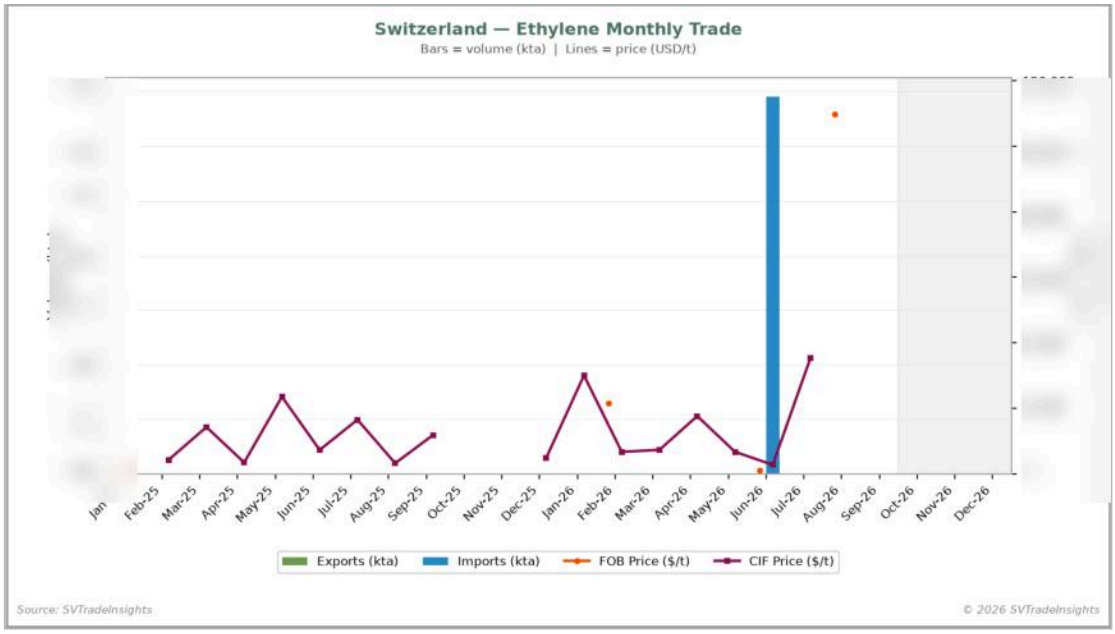

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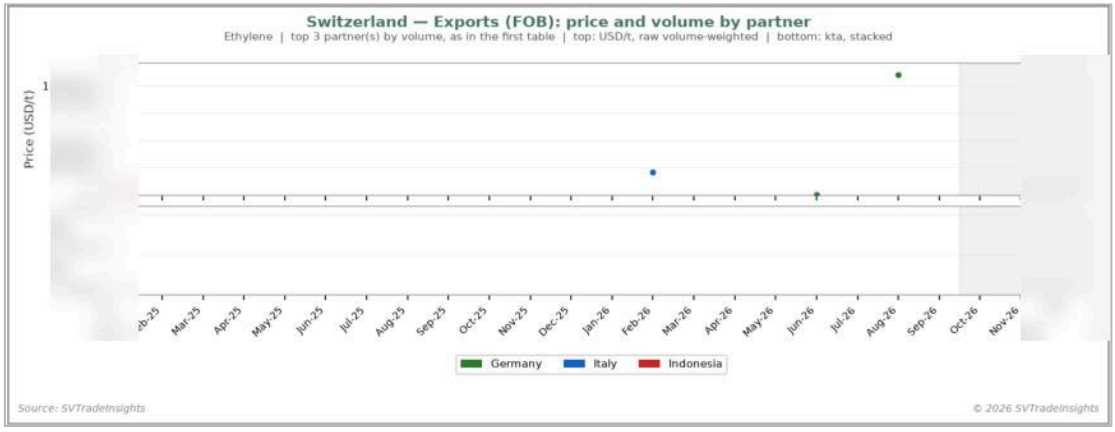

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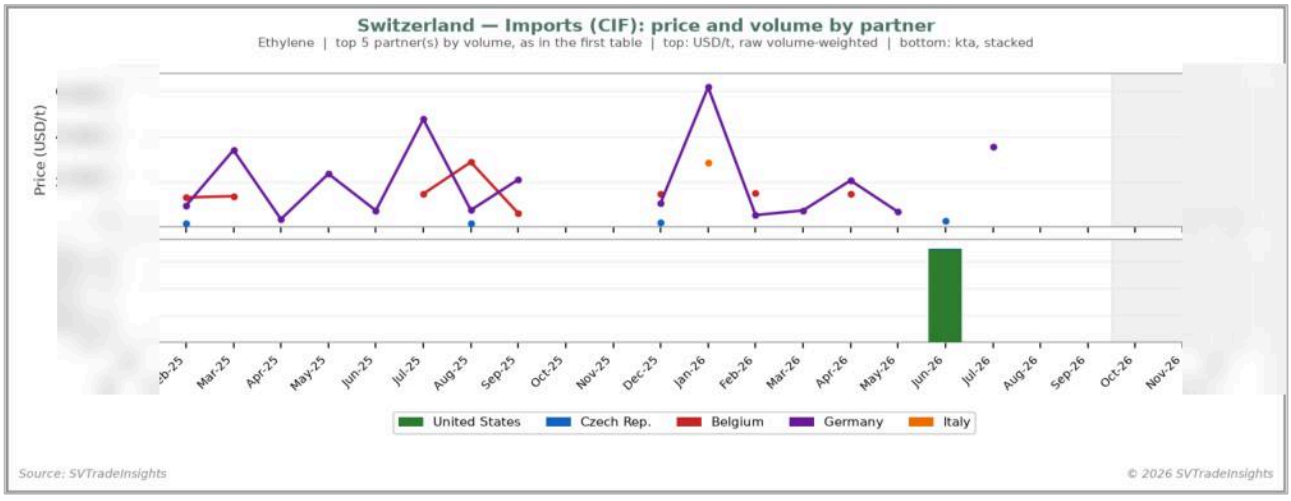

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4. Methodology and Limitations

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.

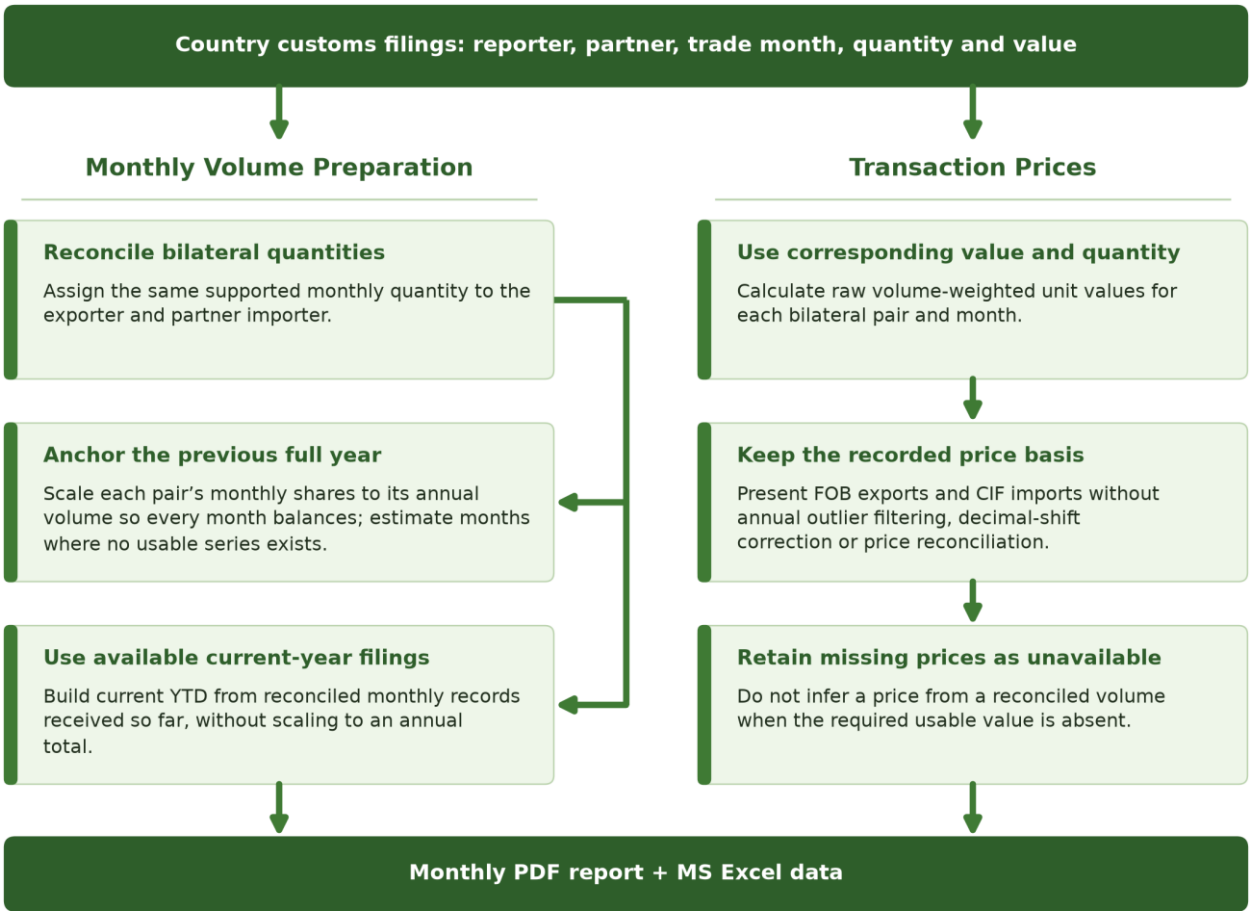

Figure 4.1: Monthly Report Methodology

4.1. Data Sources and Preparation

The analysis uses bilateral customs records reconciled and prepared by SVTradeInsights. Product scope, reporting periods, values, quantities, currencies and units are standardized before comparison. Customs reporting may differ because of valuation, timing, origin and destination attribution, classification, revisions and confidentiality.

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

- Reporter and mirror records are compared for each bilateral relationship and calendar month. Differences between original customs declarations are assessed before assigning the analytical quantity.
- One accepted analytical volume represents both sides of a bilateral movement. Analytical exports therefore equal corresponding partner imports.
- Statistical noise, implausible quantities, unsupported spikes and exports inconsistent with plausible supply capacity are reviewed. Genuine trade, re-export and transit activity is retained when supported by the evidence.
- For completed-year 2025, workbook scaling factors anchor monthly volumes to the reconciled annual dataset. Both sides of each accepted bilateral relationship share the same monthly allocation, country monthly totals match annual reporter volumes, and global exports and imports balance across the full-year series.
- Where an annual bilateral movement lacks a usable monthly series, the annual quantity is allocated using the exporter's broader monthly pattern, then the importer's pattern, or otherwise equal monthly shares. These are estimates, not observations of shipment timing.
- For incomplete-year 2026, raw monthly records are reconciled month by month without completed-year annual scaling or the completed-year annual screen. The result represents only the evidence available to date. The completed-year and incomplete-year series therefore have distinct reconciliation bases.
- A trade balance is exports less imports. Gross bilateral flows and net positions answer different questions. Reconciliation does not establish production, domestic consumption or physical movement of the same cargo through successive markets.
- Material routes are named; smaller observations may be grouped for readability while accepted activity remains in totals. Material discontinued routes remain relevant to change analysis. Zero-trade and non-reportable observations are omitted from substantive narrative, and blanks are not interpreted as zero.
- Reporting delays, revisions, incomplete coverage, estimated month allocations and rounding qualify month-on-month and year-on-year comparisons. Matched calendar periods improve comparability but do not remove differences in reporting coverage.

4.3. Transaction Prices

Monthly transaction prices are customs-derived prices, volume weighted where aggregated, with export and import series presented on the workbook's FOB and CIF bases. They remain the reported monthly series: the annual price-cleaning process, outlier tests and decimal-shift corrections are not applied. An unusual value is therefore retained as reported rather than treated as a verified market quotation. Missing values or quantities leave a gap; no price is inferred from a supported volume alone.

FOB and CIF prices can differ because of valuation basis, shipment size, quality, timing, contracts and transaction mix. Small shipments may create extreme values; a chart may truncate an outlier and identify that treatment in its note. Regional price ranges and bilateral price differences are not available trading margins. The accompanying Excel tables retain the full reported series.

4.4. Coverage and Limitations

Release dates and trade months are distinct. The data update record identifies coverage and reporting lag; the country pages state the filing month and latest available bilateral observation. Current-year totals may change substantially as additional records arrive. Customs statistics, reconciled quantities, estimated monthly allocations and raw prices support trade monitoring but do not establish a complete current supply-demand balance or a directly executable market price.

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