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Executive Overview

Recorded LDPE trade reaches 4,980.8 thousand metric tons in January–September 2026, compared with 9,674.7 in the same months of 2025. The 48.5% shortfall reflects incomplete reporting as well as trade movements. September has only ten direct reporters and 9.0% volume-weighted coverage, compared with 56.0% in August; the latest monthly totals cannot establish the size of a market contraction.

Western Europe leads recorded January–September 2026 exports at 1,398.1 thousand metric tons, ahead of North America at 1,221.7 and the Middle East at 1,042.0. Western Europe is also the largest importer at 1,242.7. North America has the largest recorded surplus, 902.2, while Northeast Asia has the largest deficit, 409.9. These rankings describe the available record; uneven filing coverage limits comparisons with the more complete 2025 series.

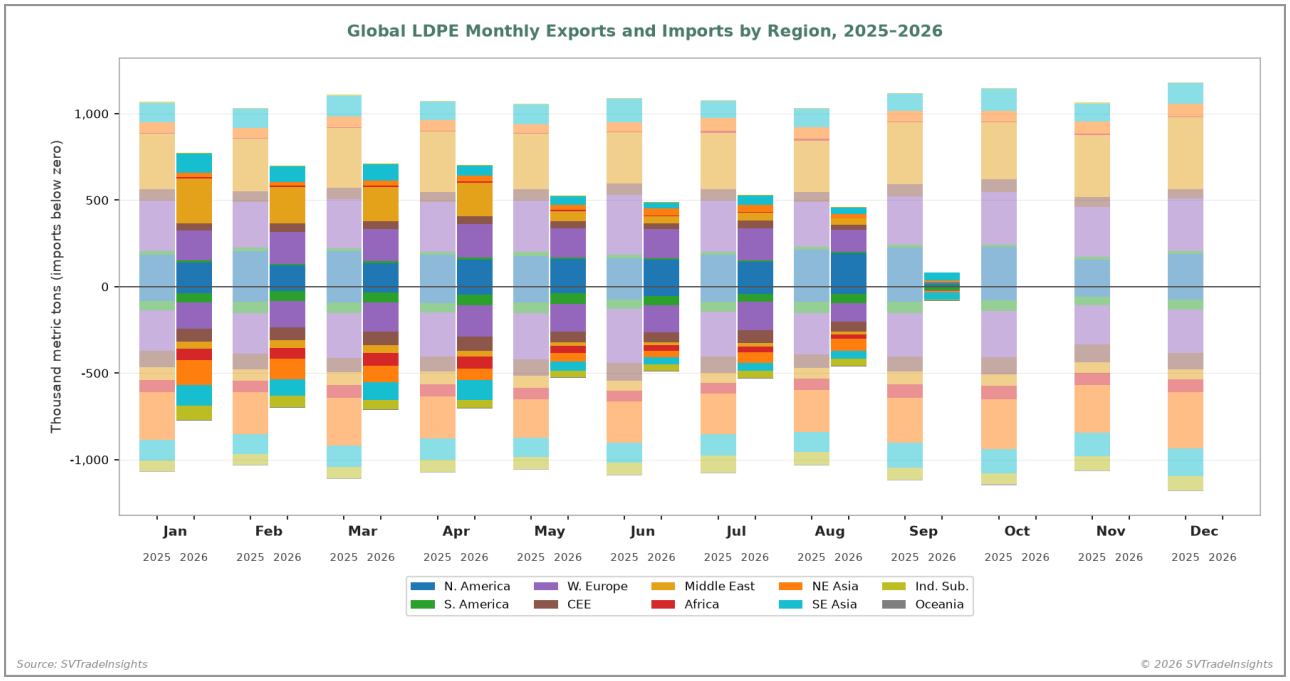


Figure ES-1: LDPE monthly exports and imports by region, 2025–2026

Among the November filers, Malaysia's September exports rise 48.0% from August to 31.2 thousand metric tons, while Indonesia's imports increase 36.0% to 23.8. Their January–September exports and imports respectively are 258.7 and 190.6, compared with 342.4 and 180.1 in 2025. Brazil's September imports ease 1.0% to 12.5. These movements reflect available filings and differing shipment mixes. Monthly price comparisons remain unavailable.

Fifteen reporters released submissions in November, 36 in October and 11 in September. Volume-weighted coverage falls from 68.2% in June to 67.7% in July, 56.0% in August and 9.0% in September. Releases cover different trade months, with an average reporting lag of 2.8 months across the Data Update Record. The latest trade observations reach September, while October onward remains unreported. Price observations are unavailable throughout the selected monthly workbook, so no monthly price trend or year-on-year price comparison can be established.

1. Introduction

1.1. Report Purpose and Scope

Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) is a branched polyethylene resin made by high-pressure polymerization. Major applications include flexible film and packaging, lamination and coatings, bags and moulded household goods.

This November 2026 edition supports short-term trade monitoring, trade planning and price-setting assessment through monthly trade-volume, balance and transaction-price analysis where observations are available. It covers the completed 2025 monthly series and available 2026 year-to-date results, with month-on-month and year-on-year volume comparisons. The selected workbook contains no usable monthly transaction-price observations, which limits price-setting assessment in this edition.

The completed-year 2025 volume series is aligned with the annual dataset. The incomplete 2026 series is reconciled month by month without annual scaling. Comparisons retain these separate bases and reflect the filings received so far. Net trade is exports less imports: a positive balance indicates a net export position and a negative balance a net import position.

Detailed country discussion covers filings released in November and the two preceding release months. The release month is not necessarily the trade month covered by the filing. Complete country and bilateral records remain available in the accompanying Excel workbook. Missing observations are not confirmed zero trade, and partner evidence can extend beyond a reporter's own latest filing.

1.2. Data Update Record

The Data Update Record covers 98 reporters and identifies monthly availability, release activity and reporting lag. Release counts describe when submissions became available; they do not count observations for a single trade month. Volumes throughout the report are expressed in thousand metric tons, with the compact abbreviation kta retained in some source graphics. Section 2 interprets regional results, Section 3 examines country filings, and Section 4 explains methodology and limitations.

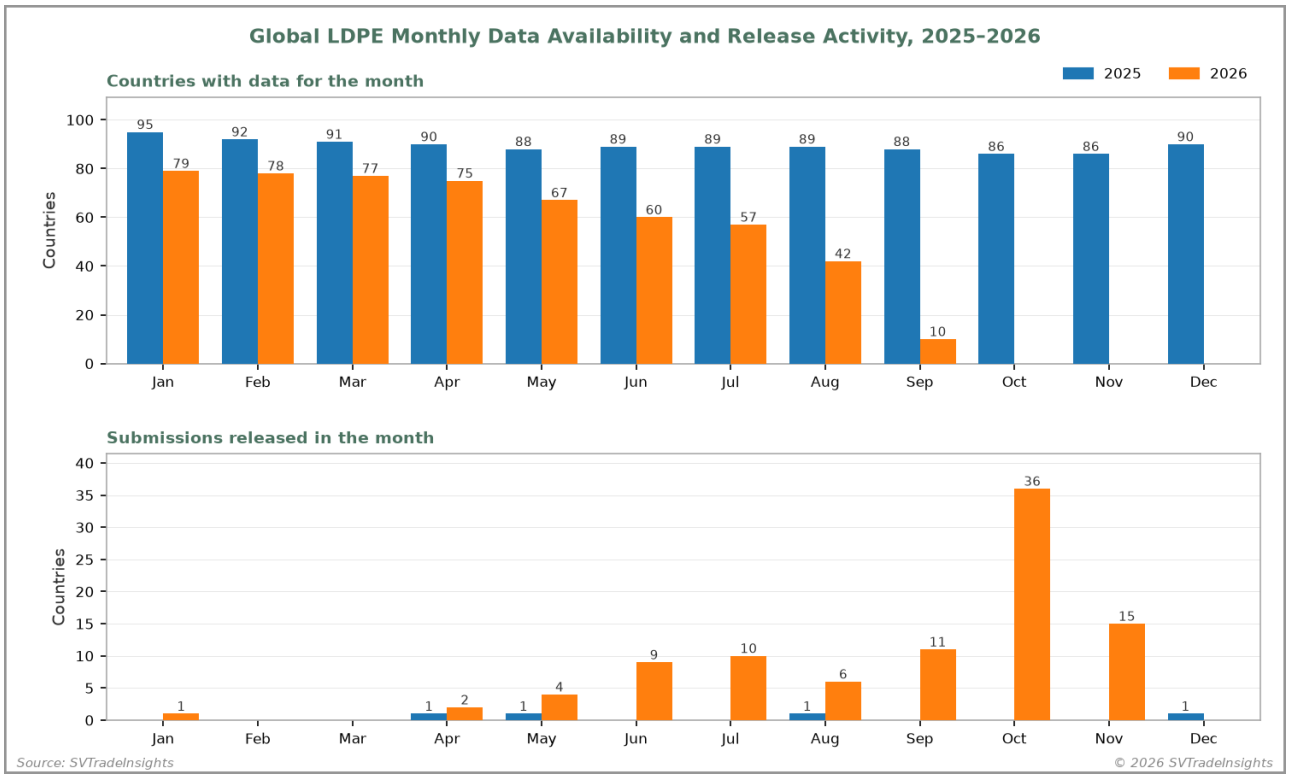
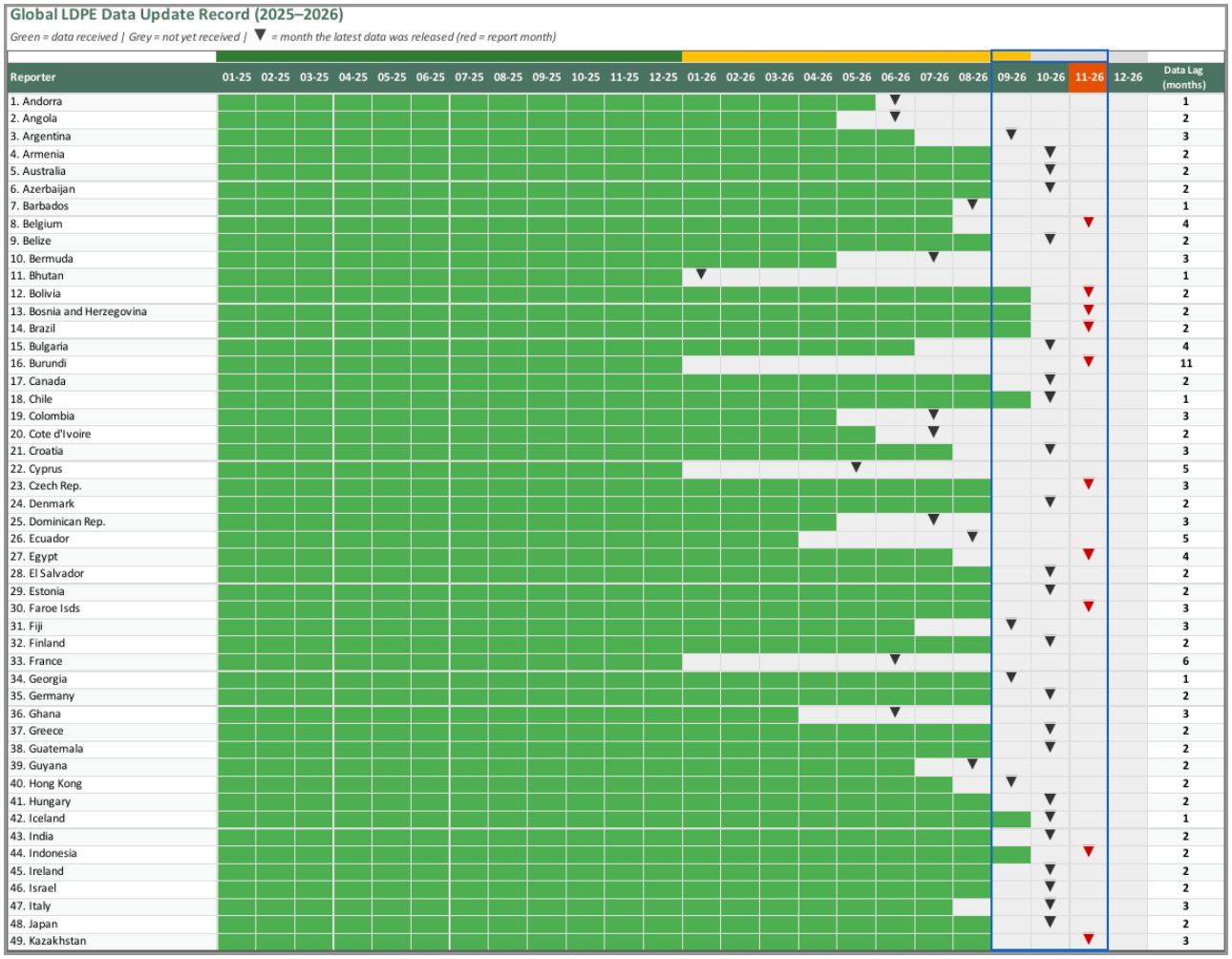


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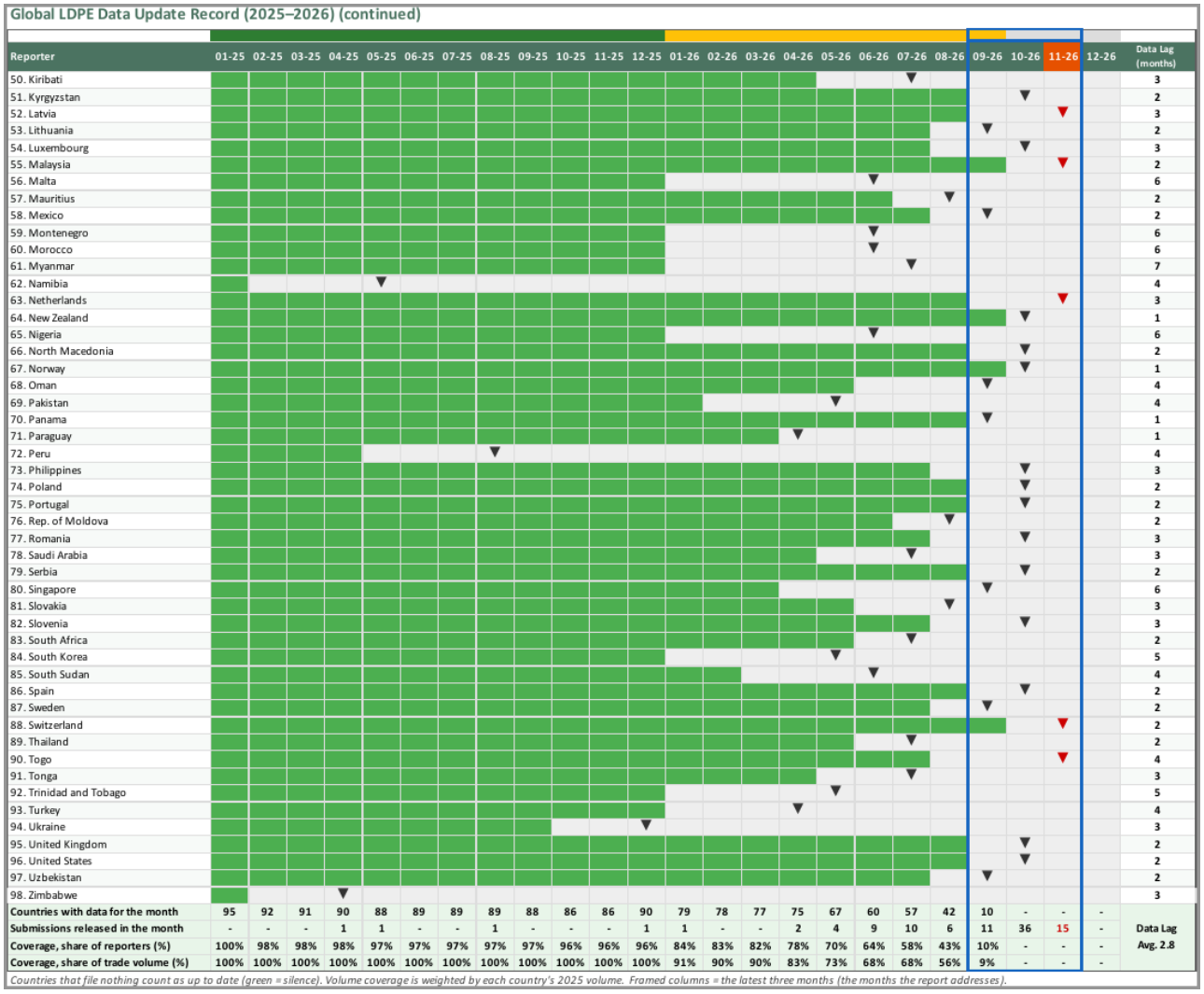
Green cells indicate data received and grey cells data not yet received. A triangle marks the month of the latest release. Reporters that file nothing are counted as up to date, so green can indicate silence. Belize is included in the October release count but has no country trade charts or reportable trade in the current source; it is therefore not given a country analysis page.

Table 1-1: LDPE Data Update Record (2025–2026)



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Table 1-2: LDPE Data Update Record (2025–2026) (continued)



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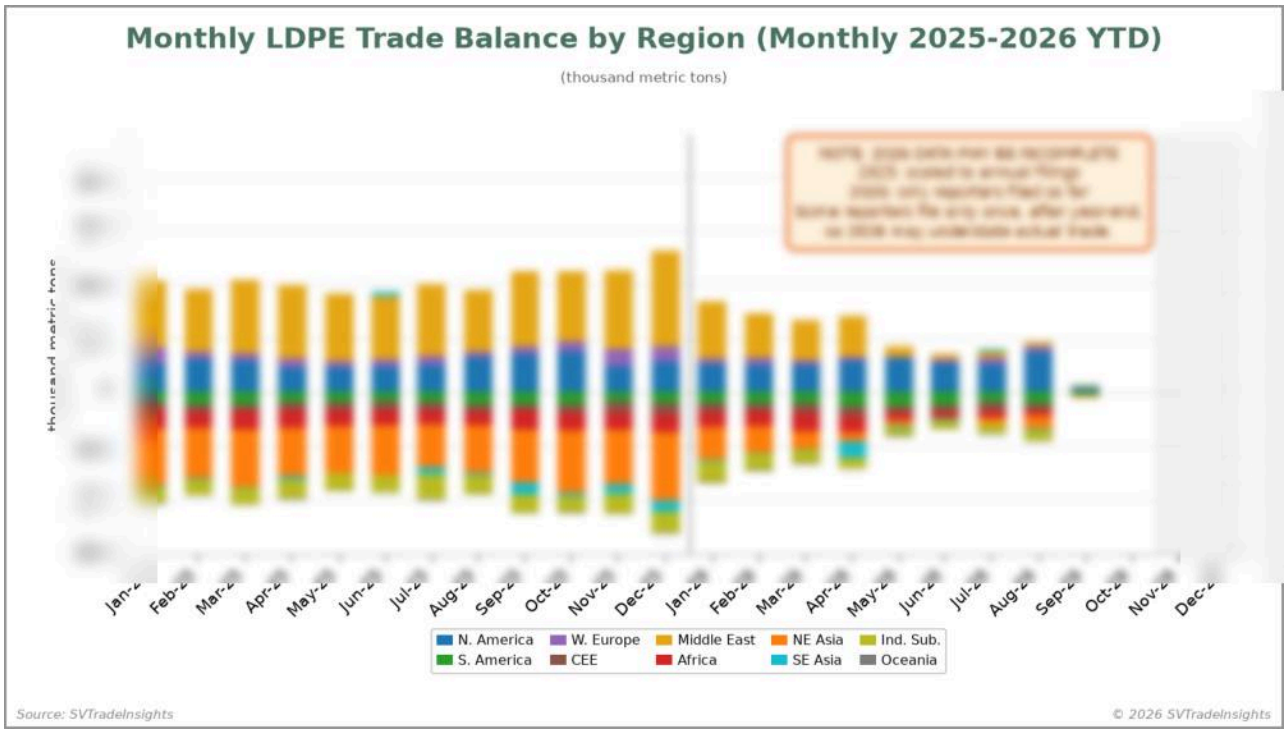


Figure 2-1: LDPE monthly trade balance by region

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

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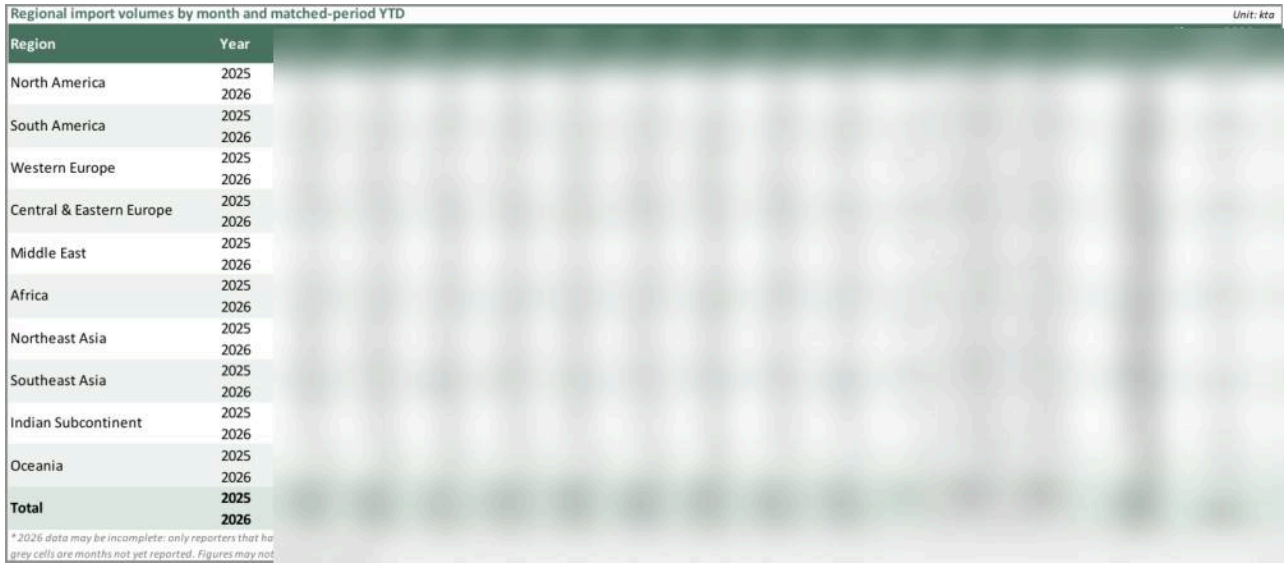
Table 2-2: Regional export volumes by month and January–September comparison (thousand metric tons)

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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Table 2-3: Regional import volumes by month and January–September comparison (thousand metric tons)



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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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3. Monthly Trade Volumes and Prices by Country

3.1. Latest Update November Filings

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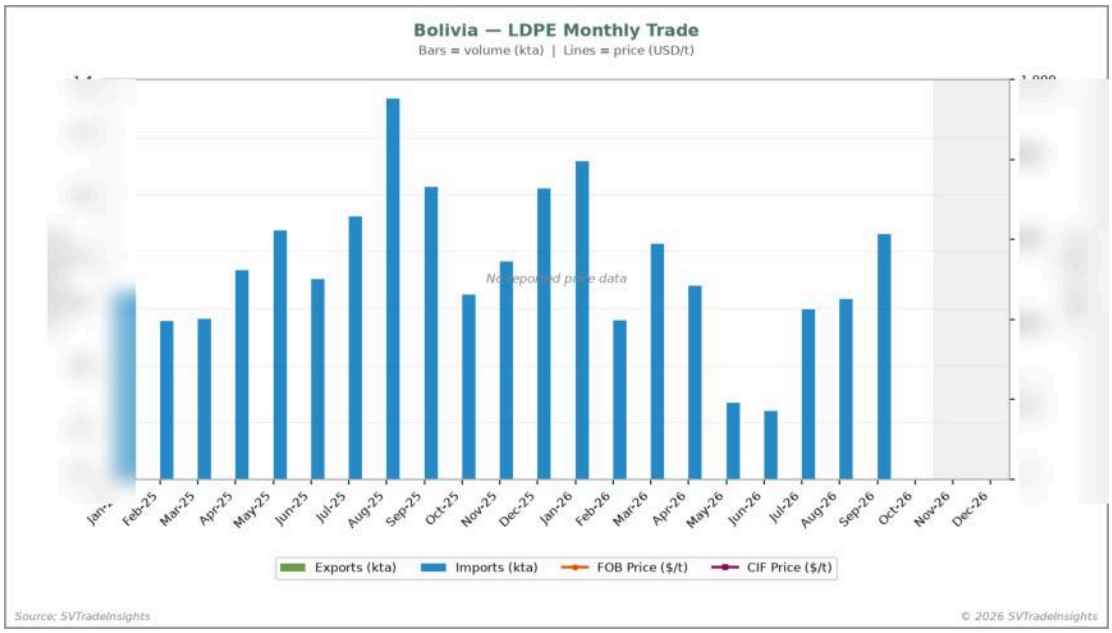


Figure 3-1: Bolivia monthly trade volumes and transaction prices

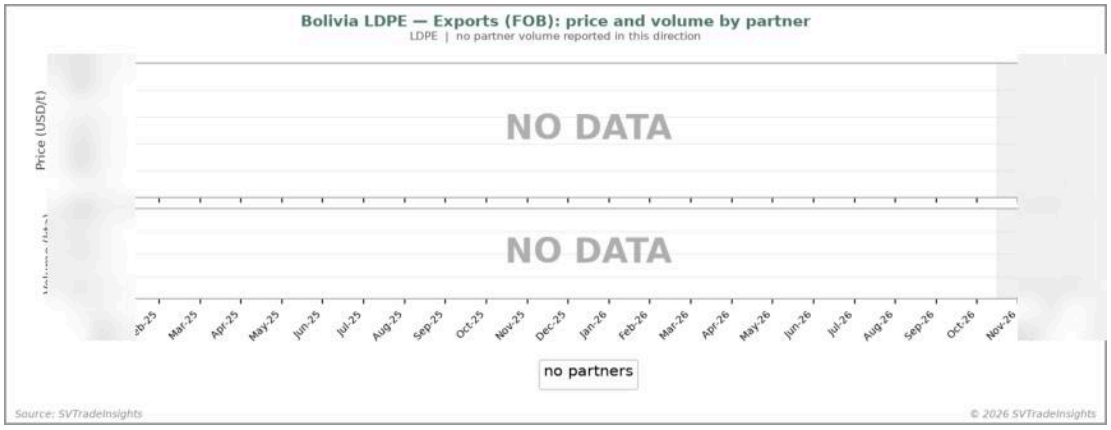


Figure 3-2: Bolivia export volumes and FOB prices by partner

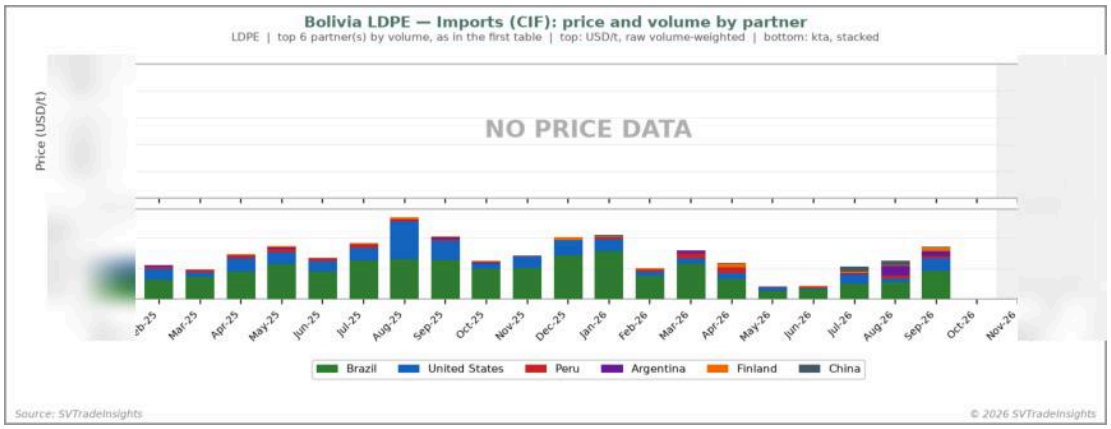


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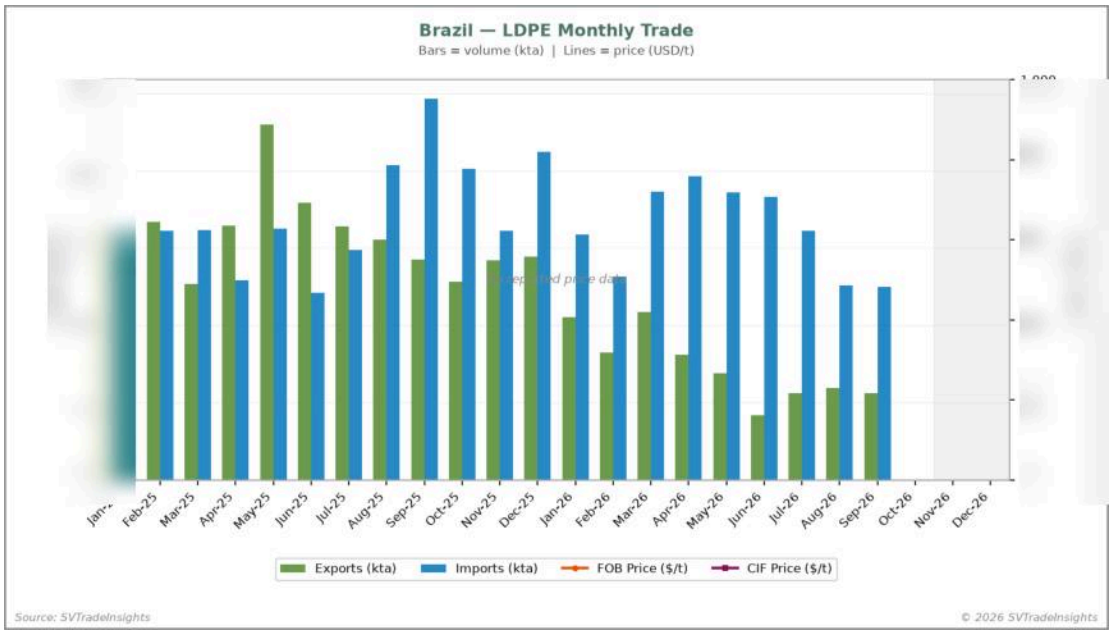


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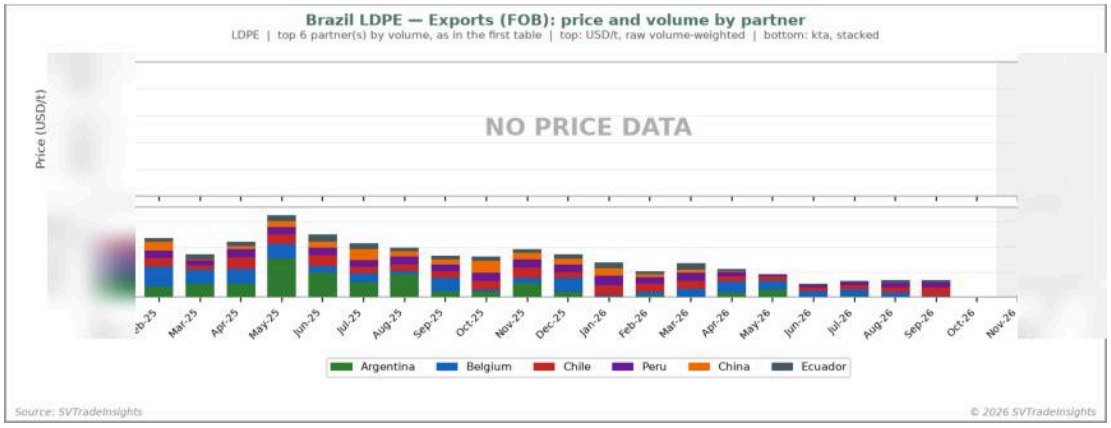


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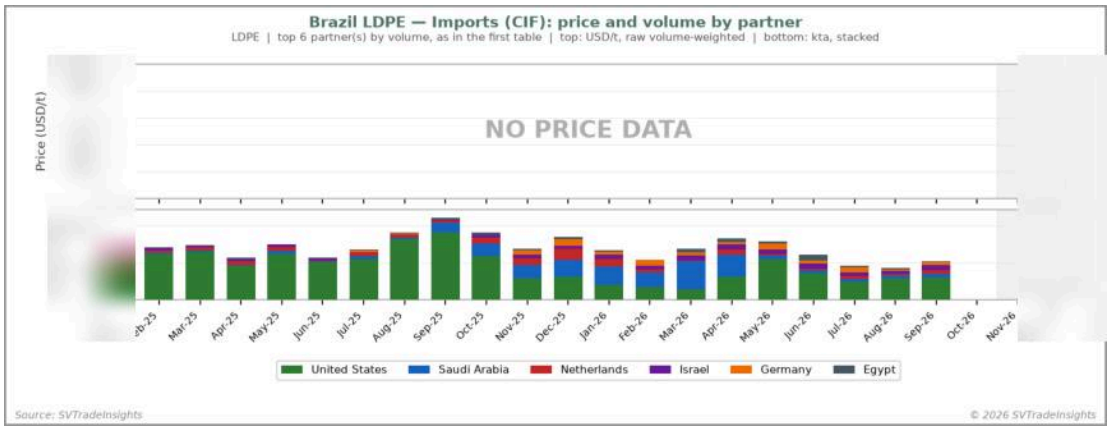


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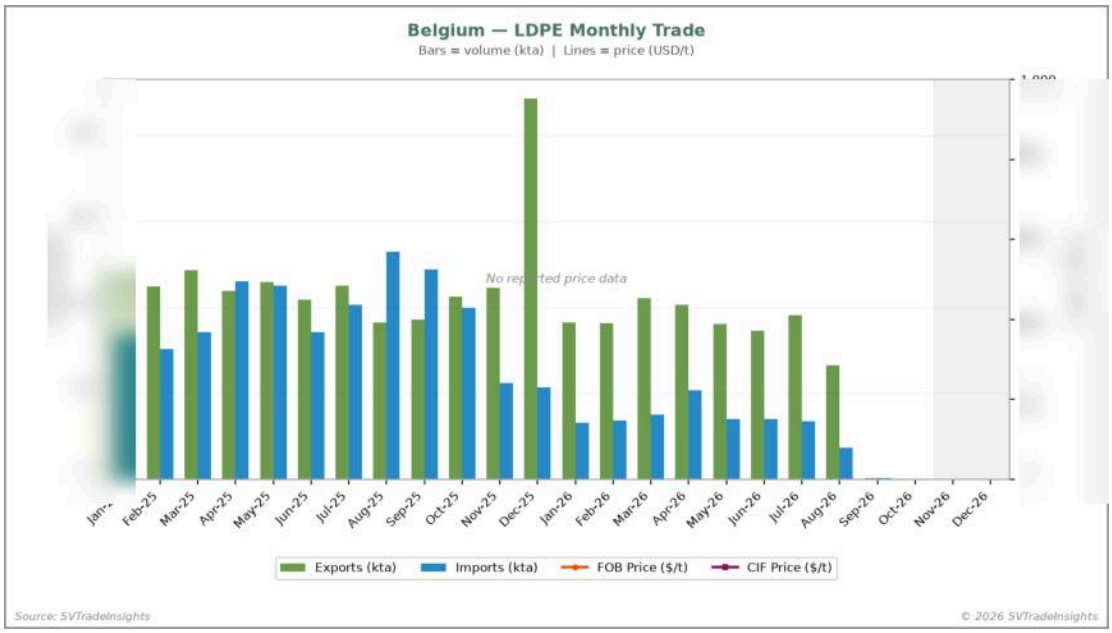


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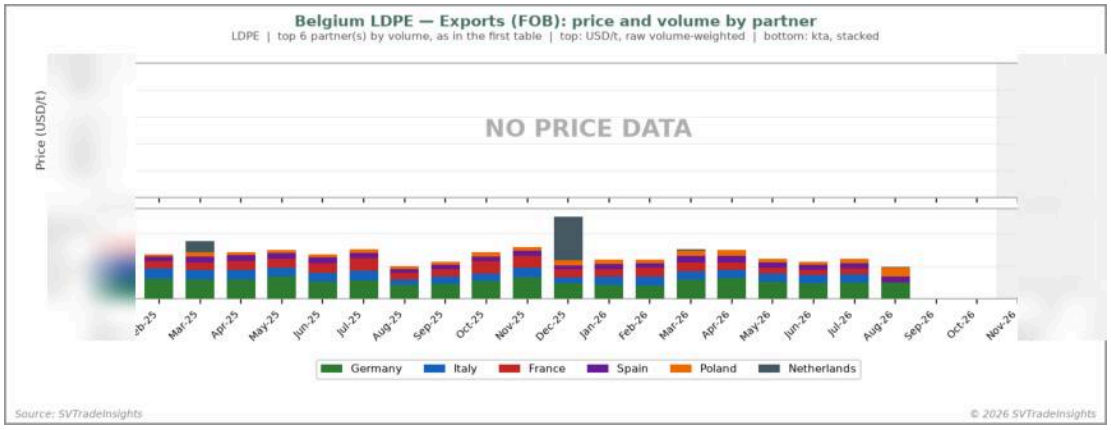


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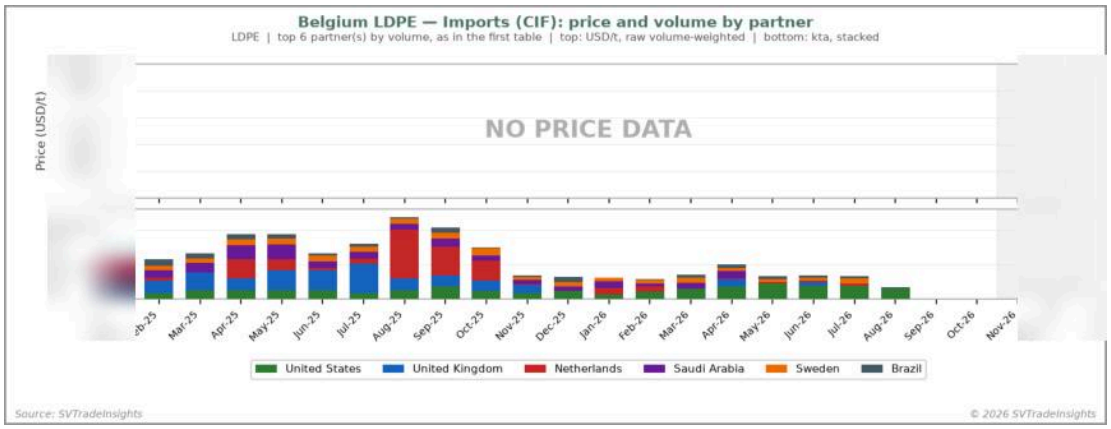


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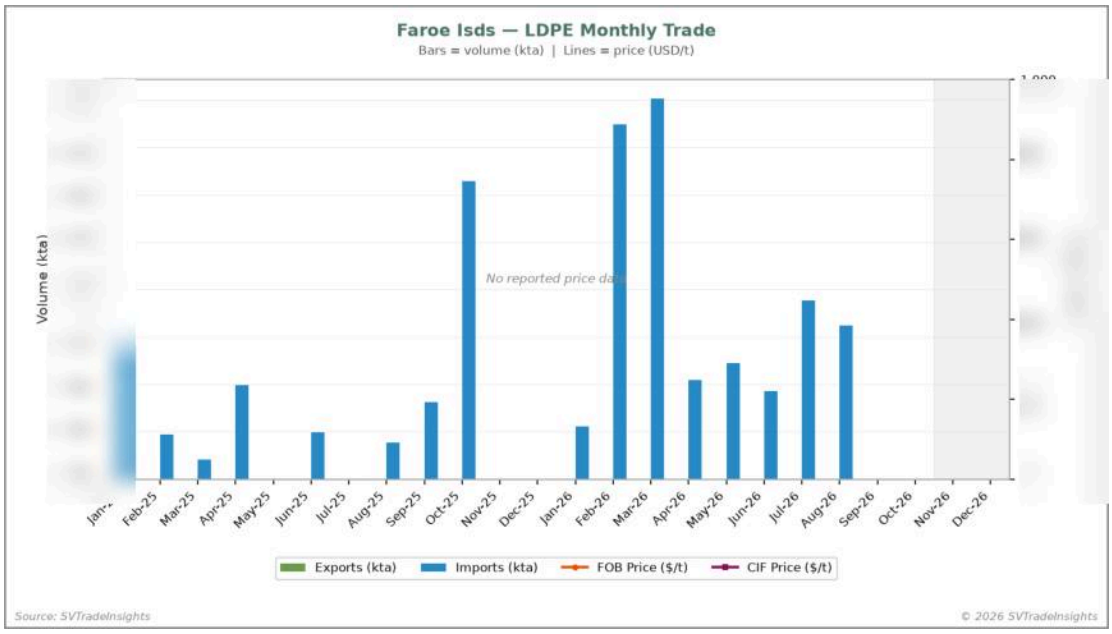


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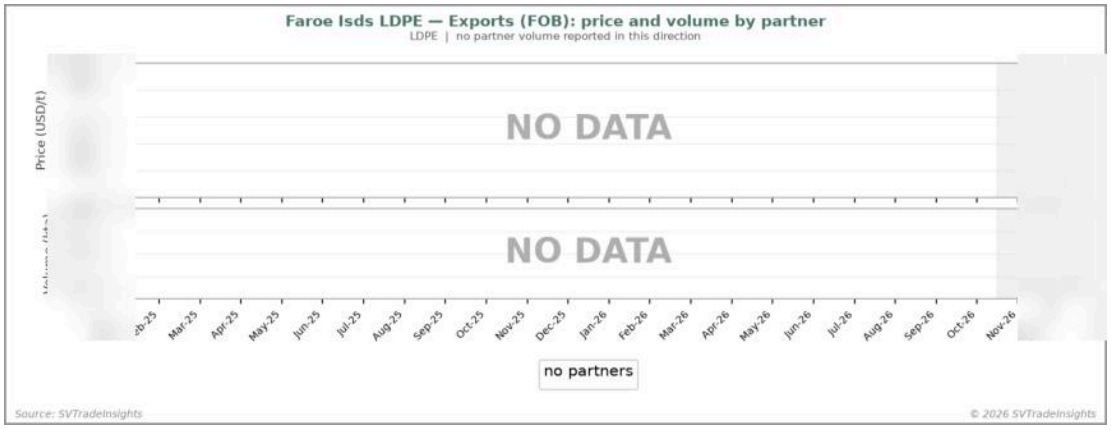


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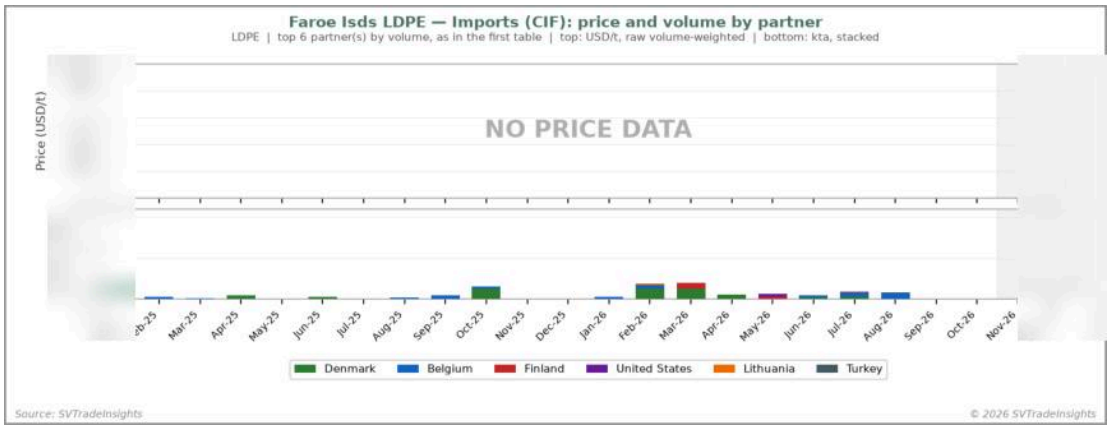


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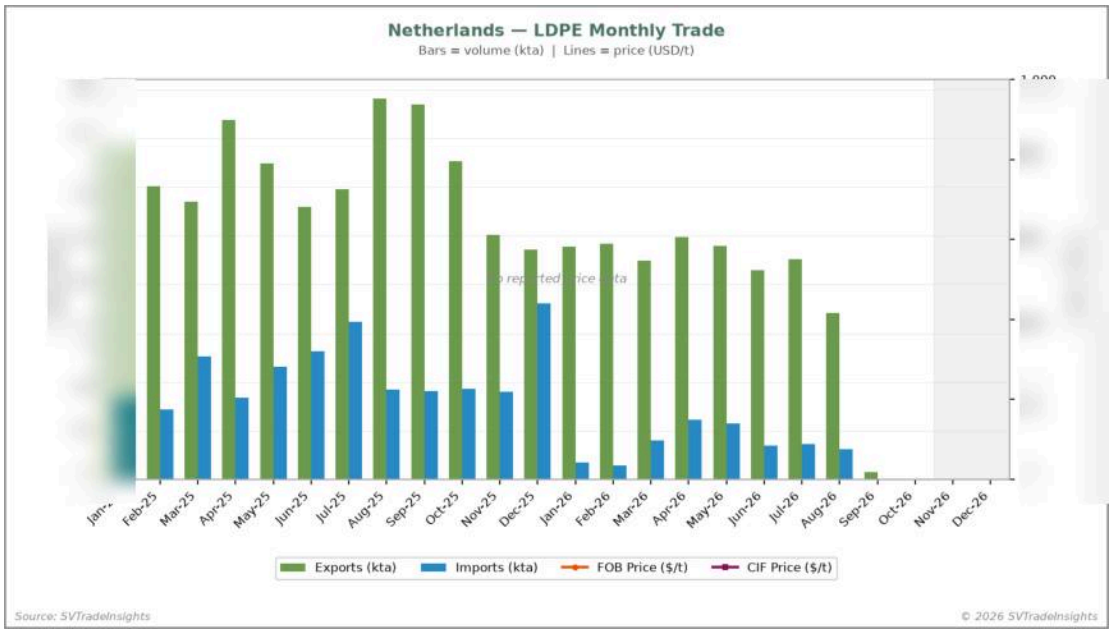


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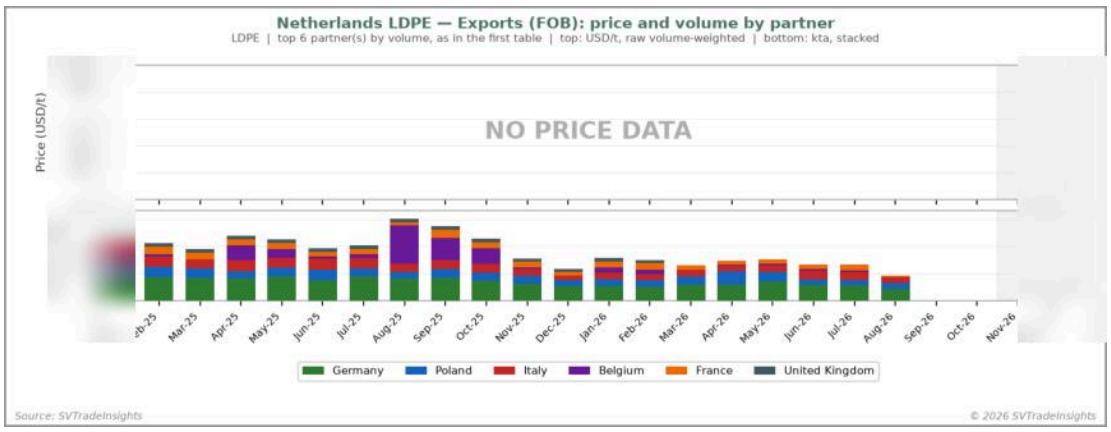


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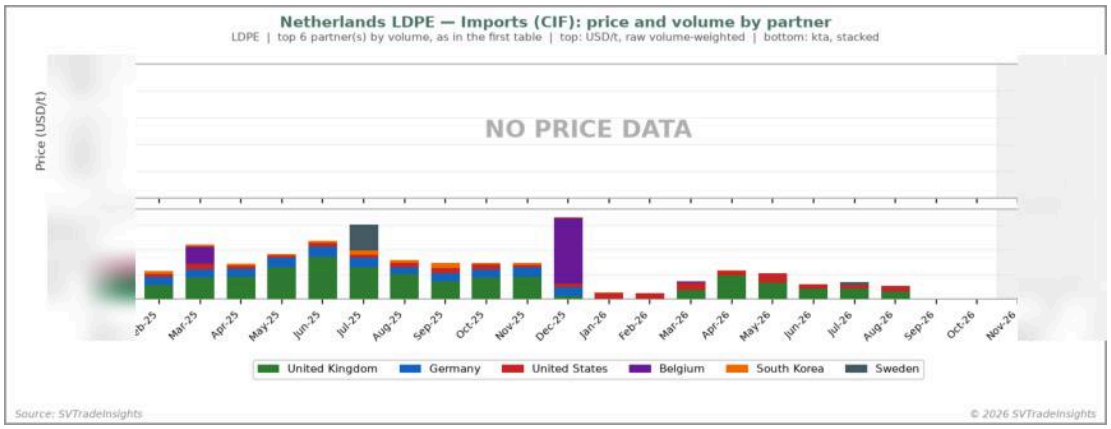


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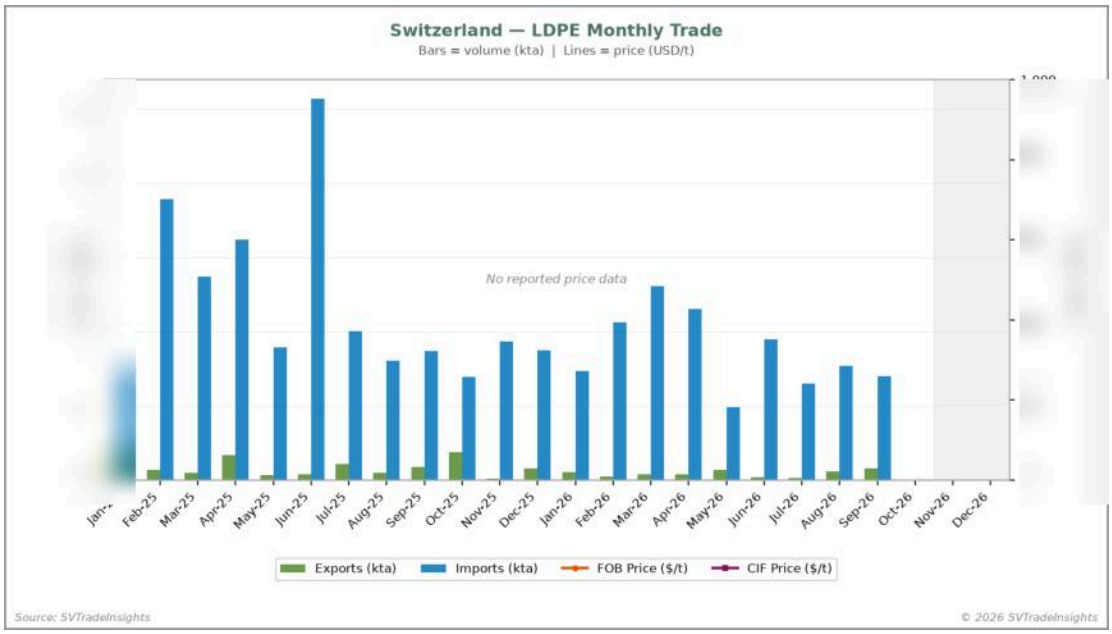


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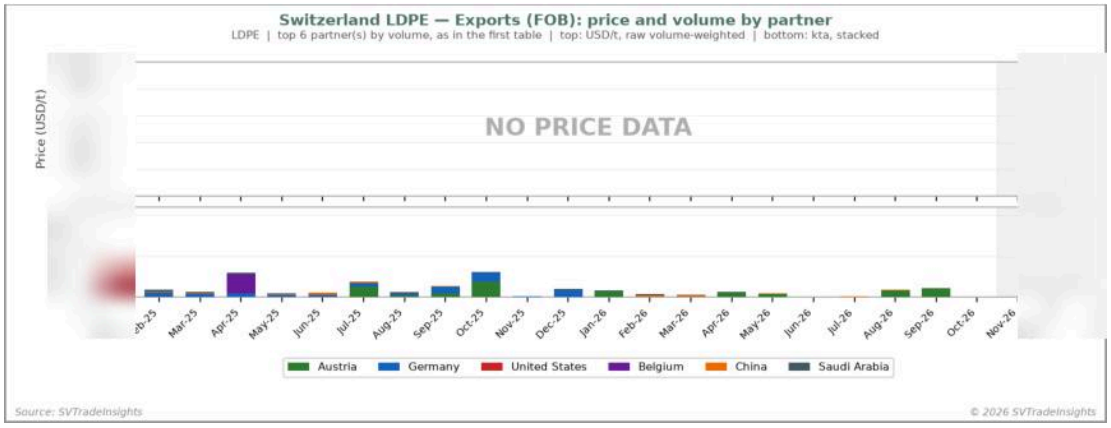


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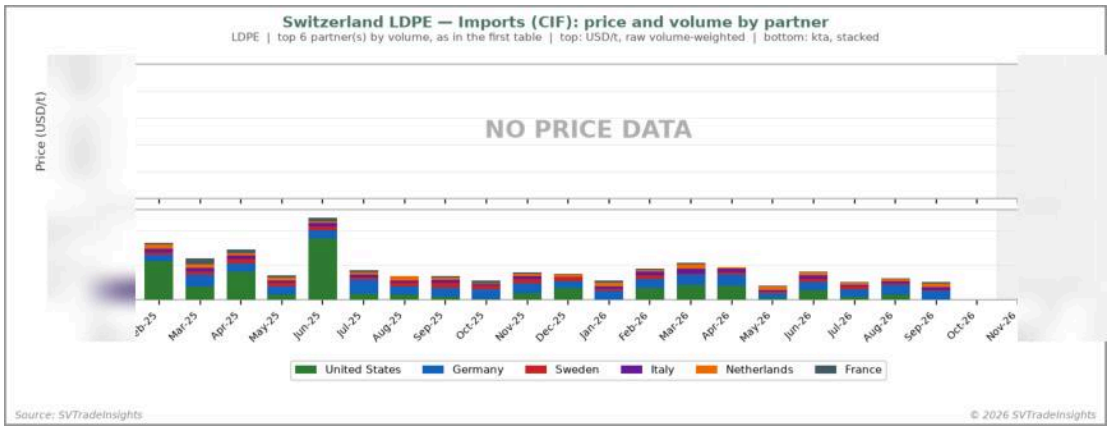


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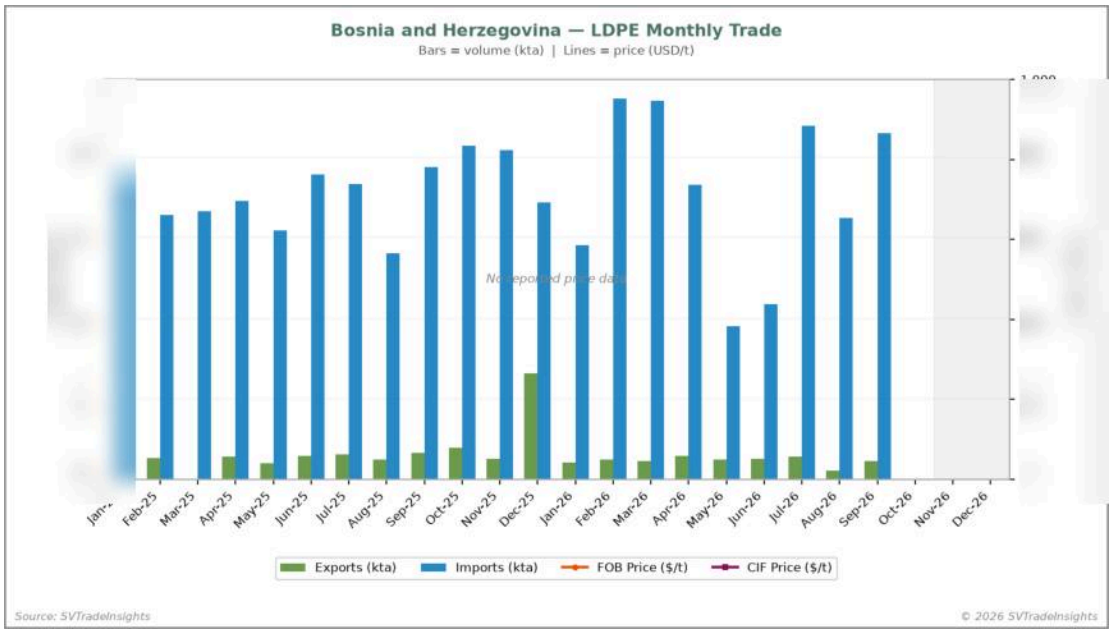


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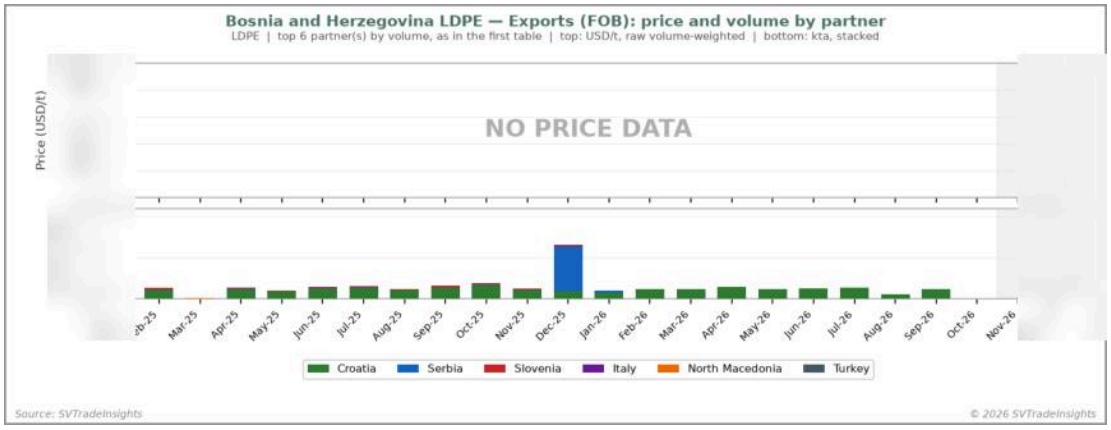


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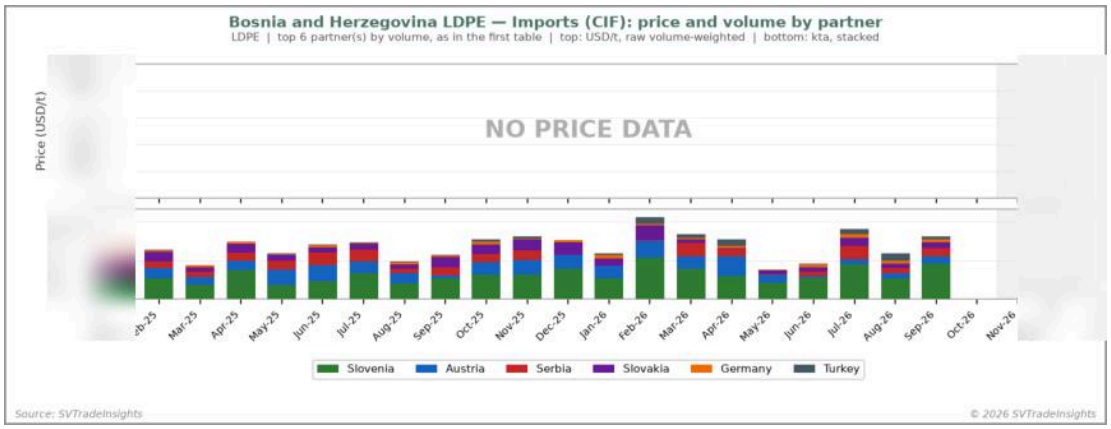


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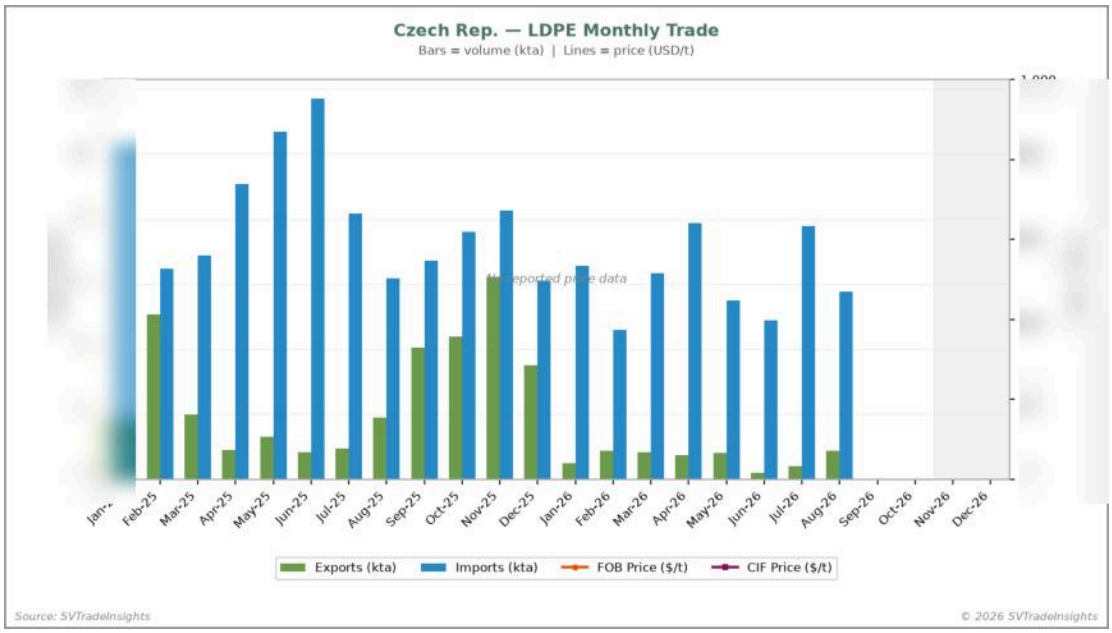


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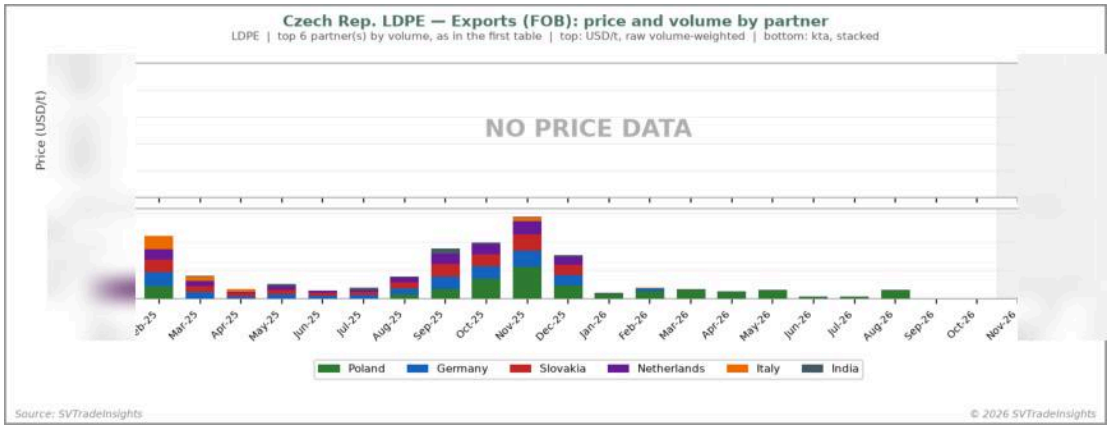


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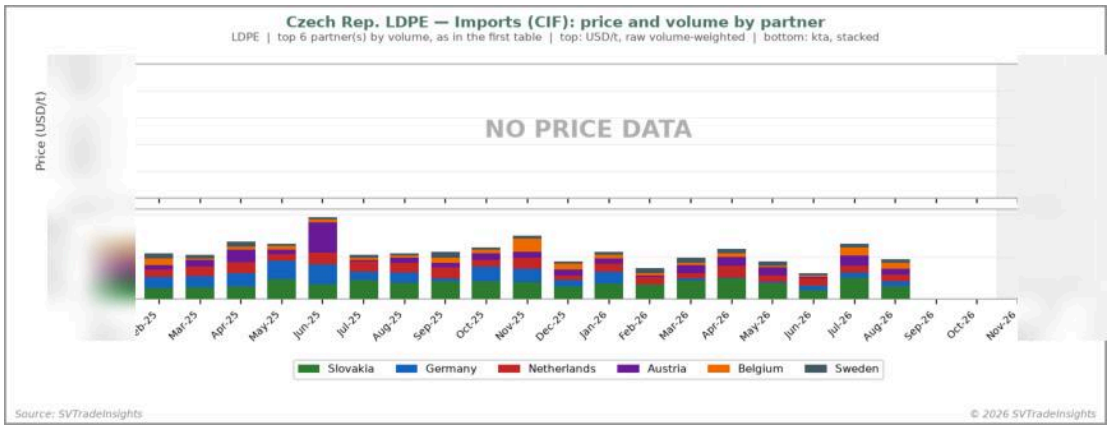


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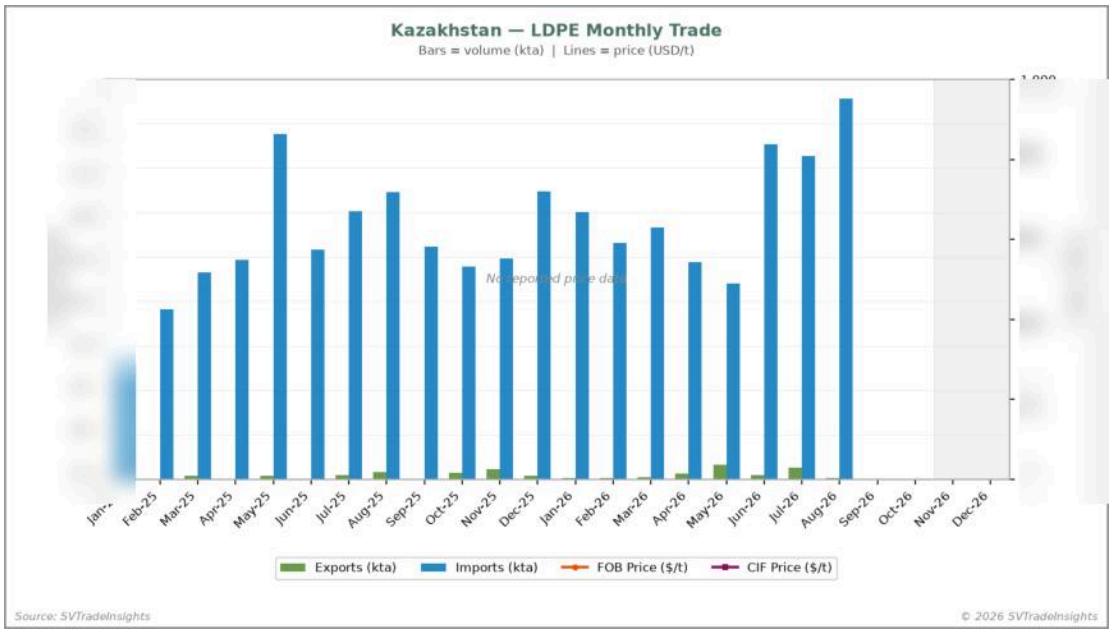


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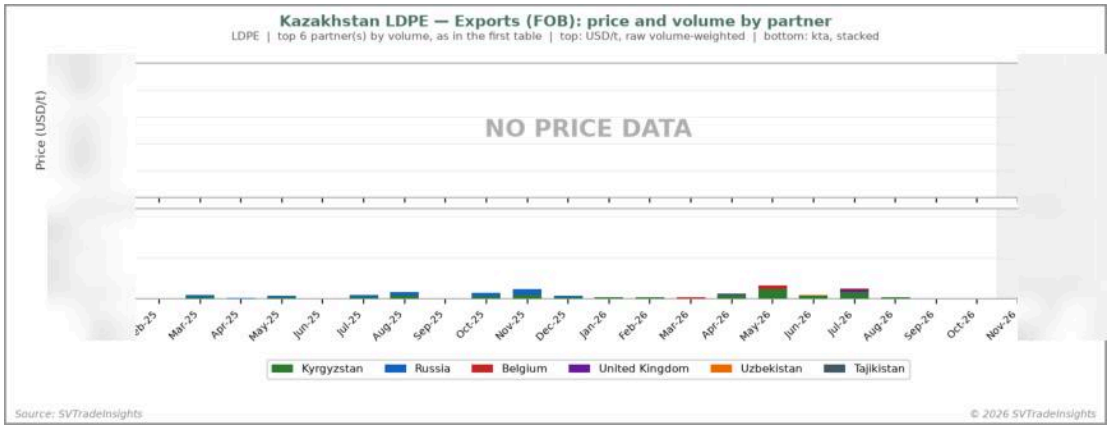


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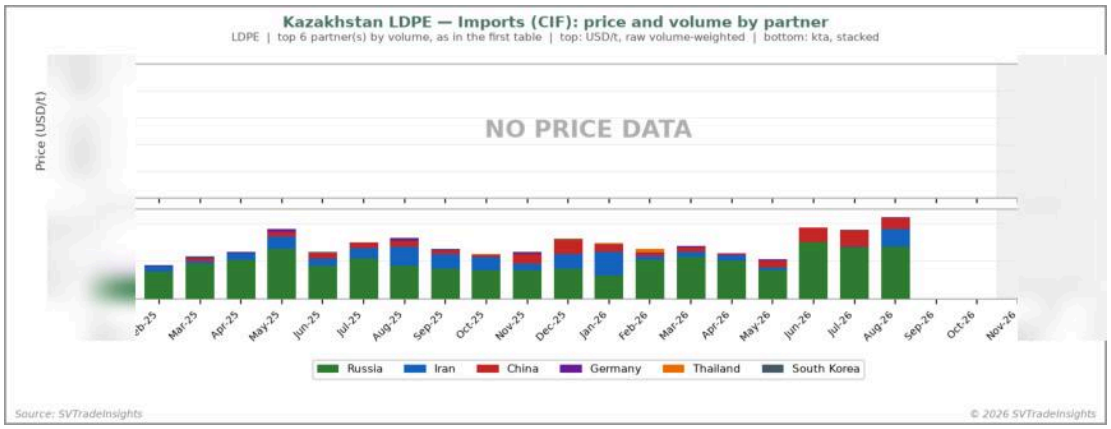


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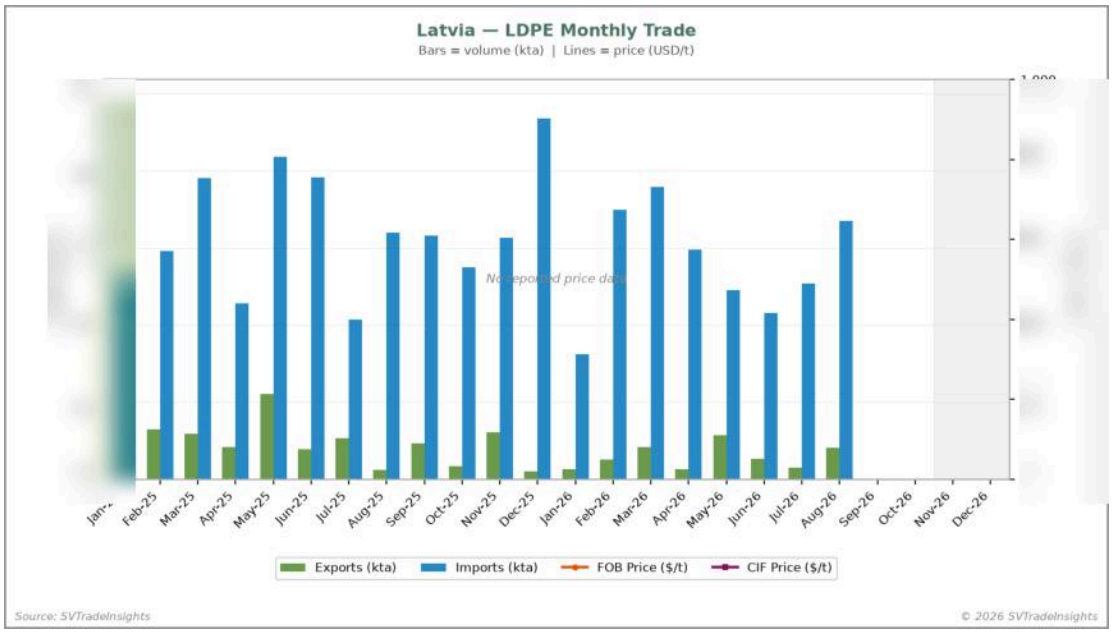


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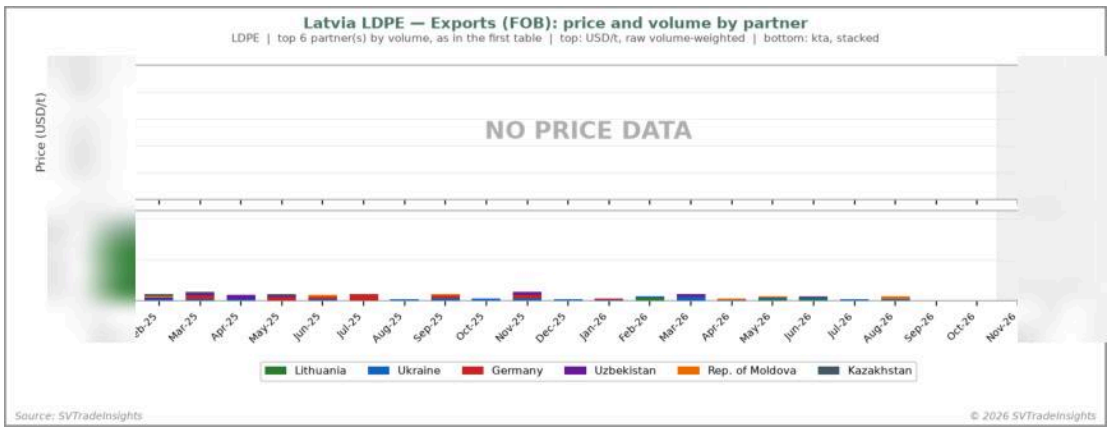


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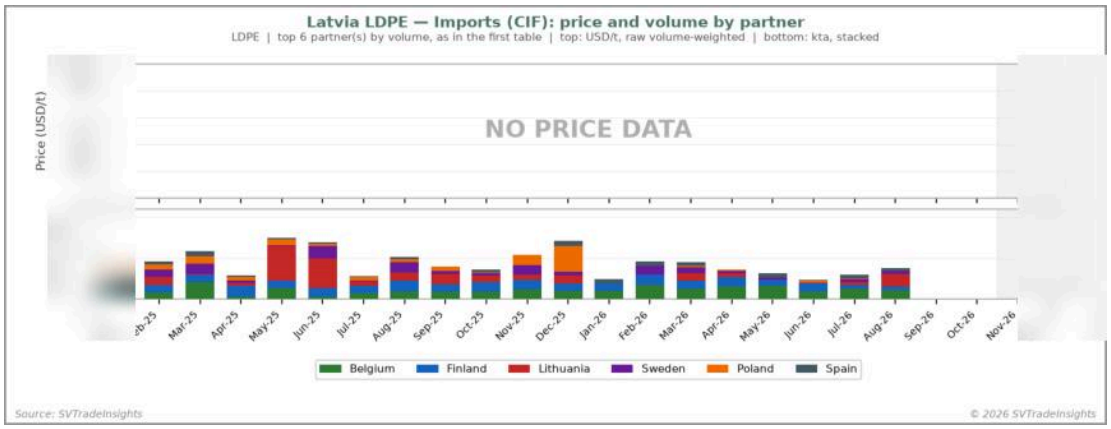


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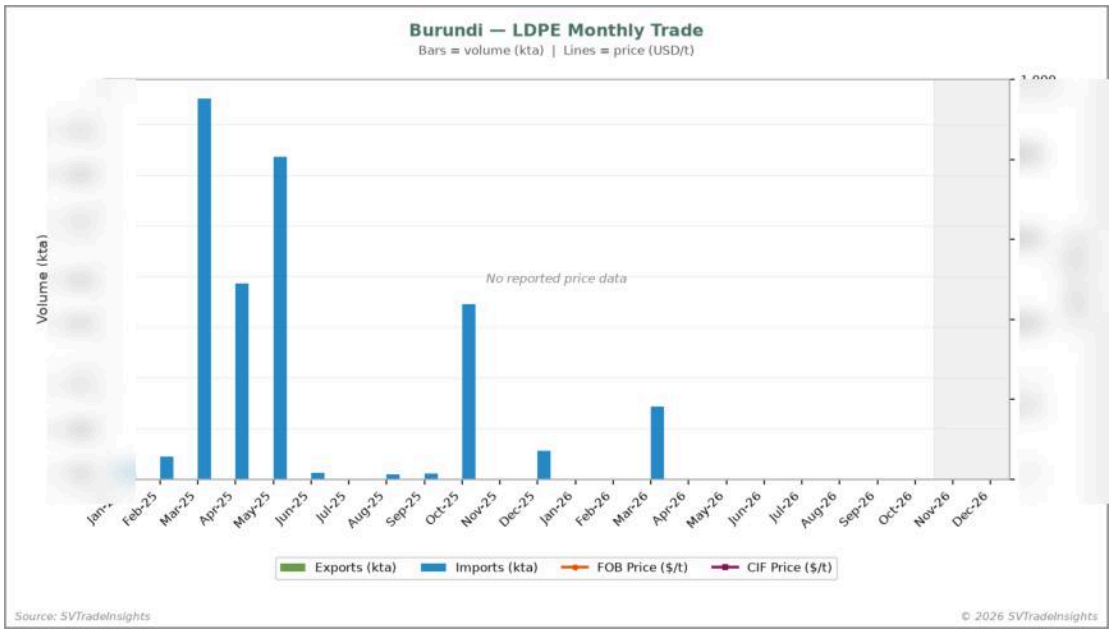


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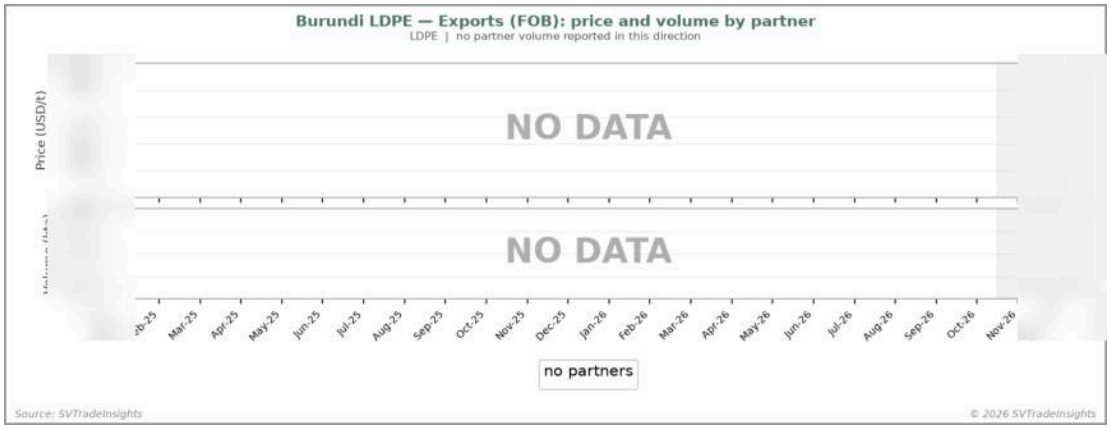


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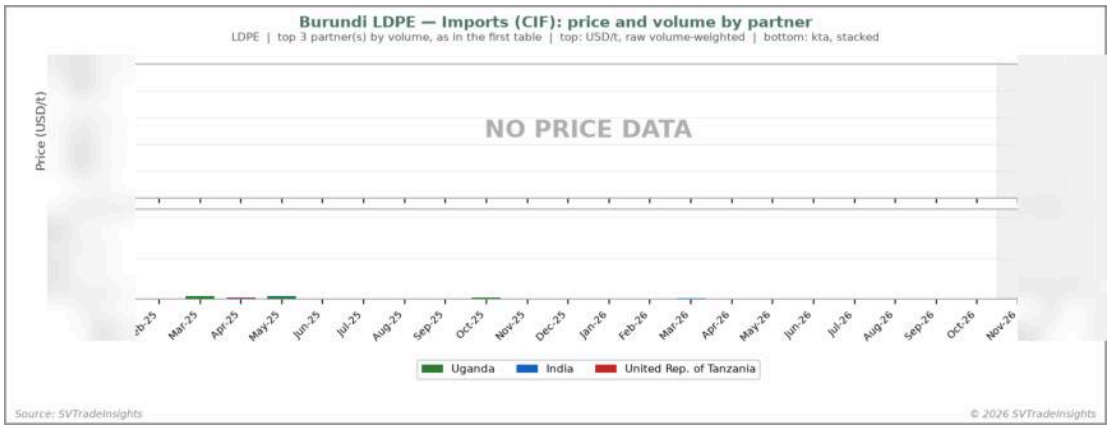


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3.1.12 Egypt

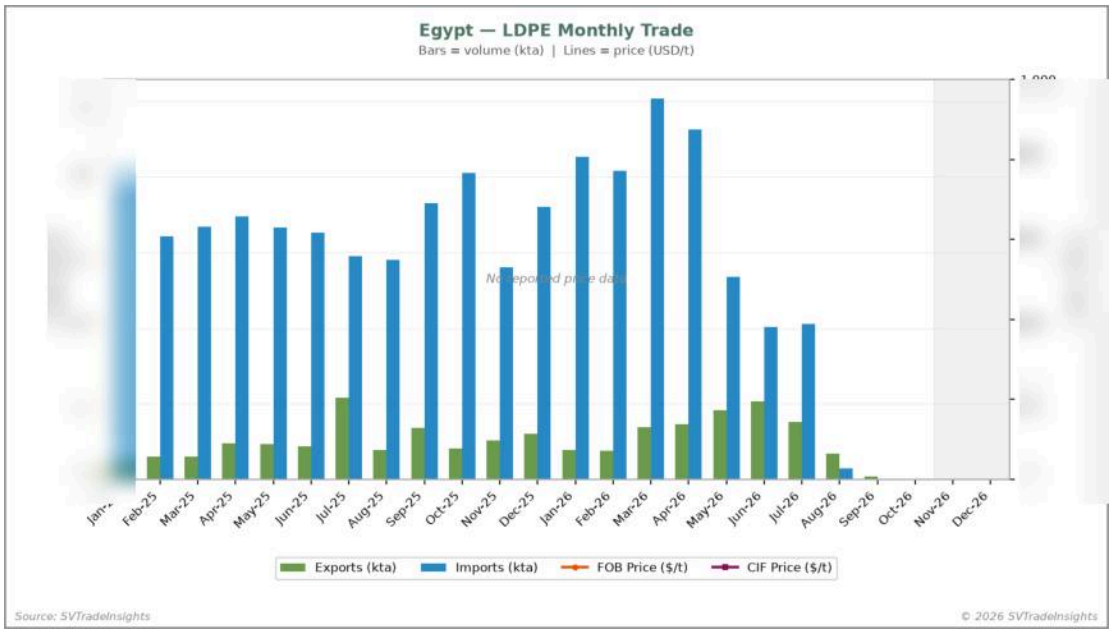


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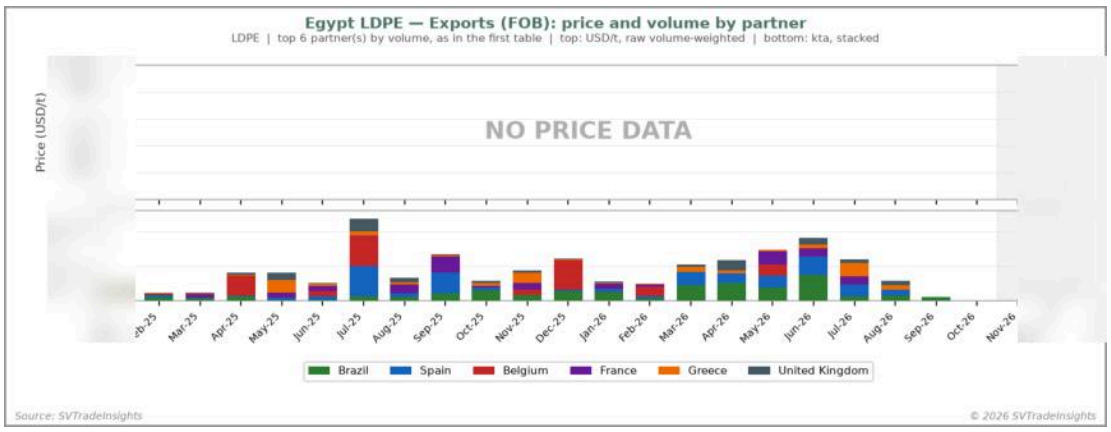


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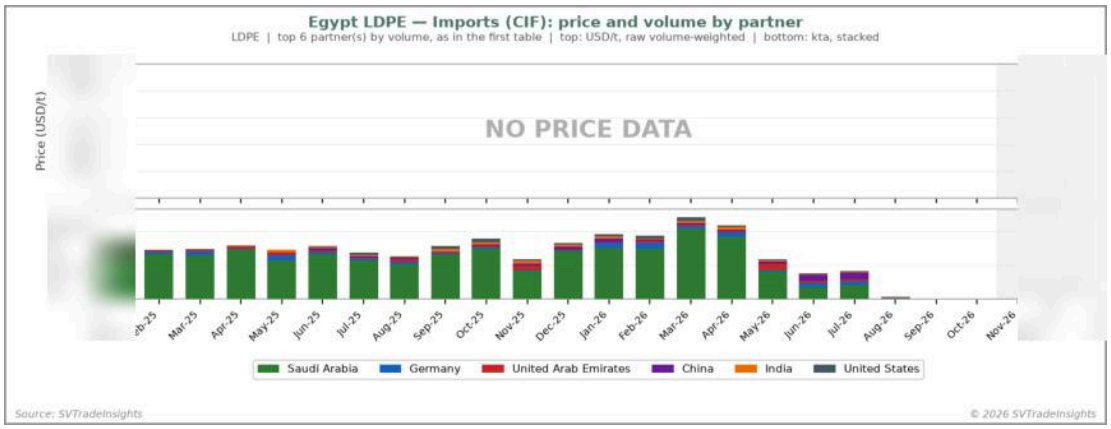


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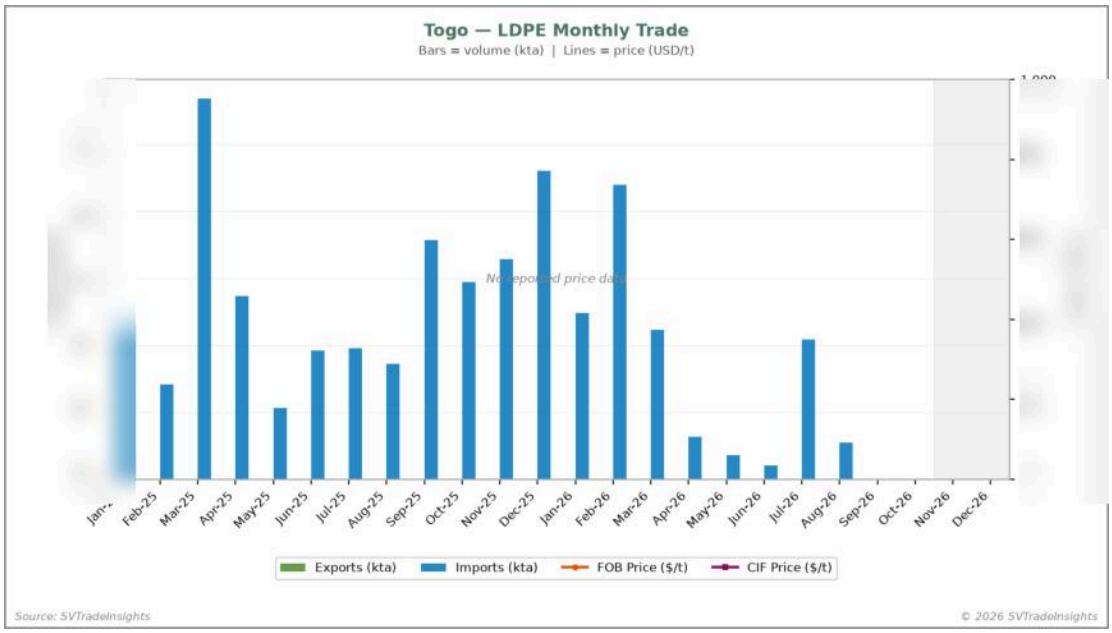


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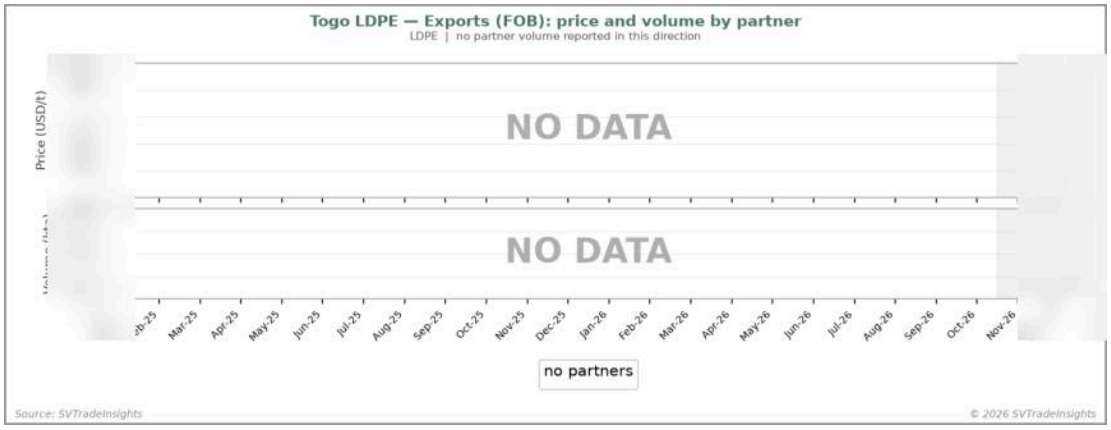


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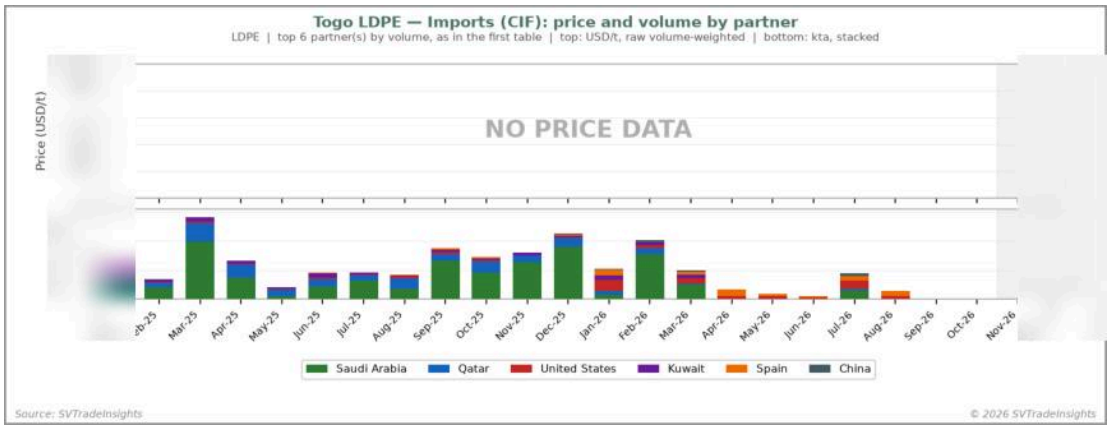


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3.1.14 Indonesia



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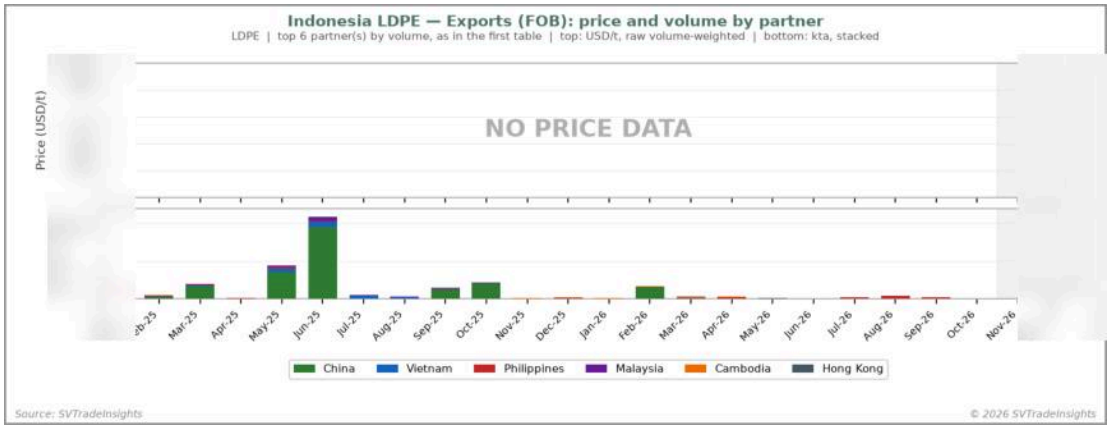


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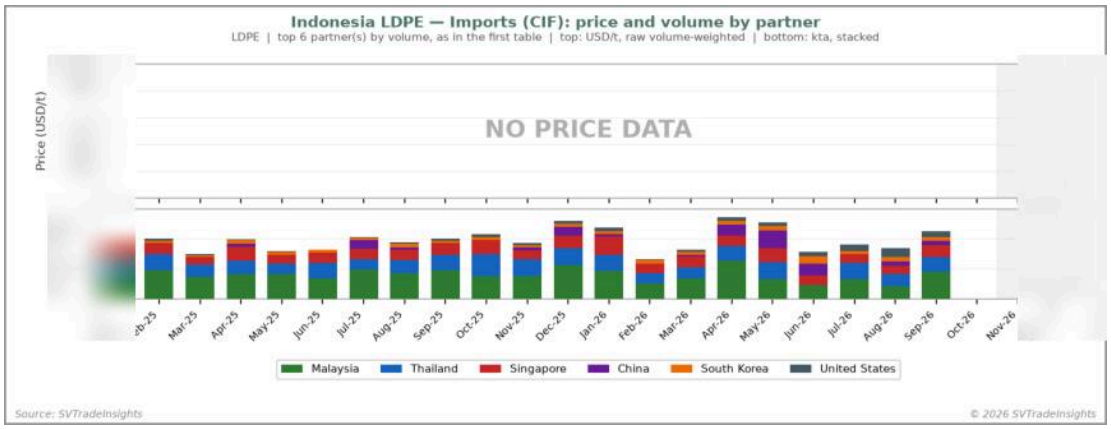


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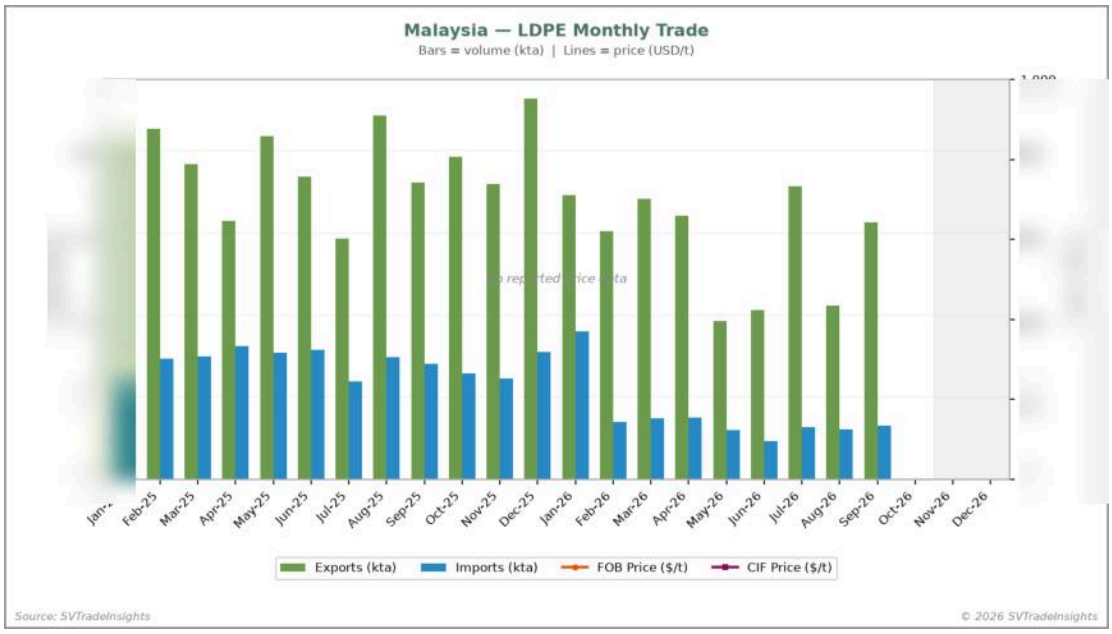


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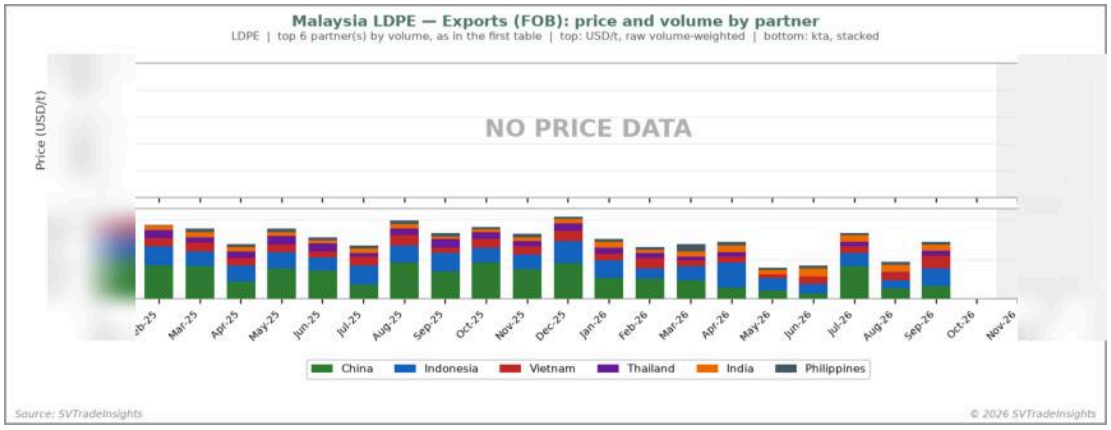


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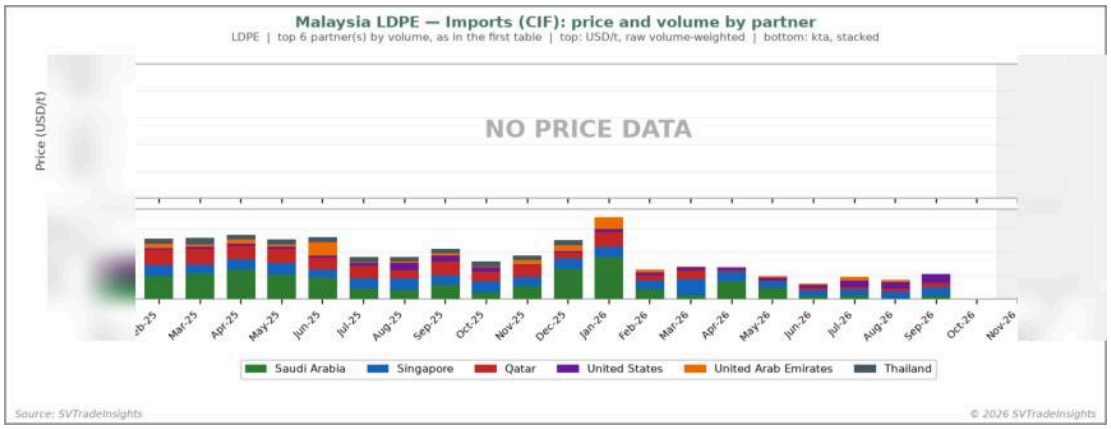


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3.2. October Filings

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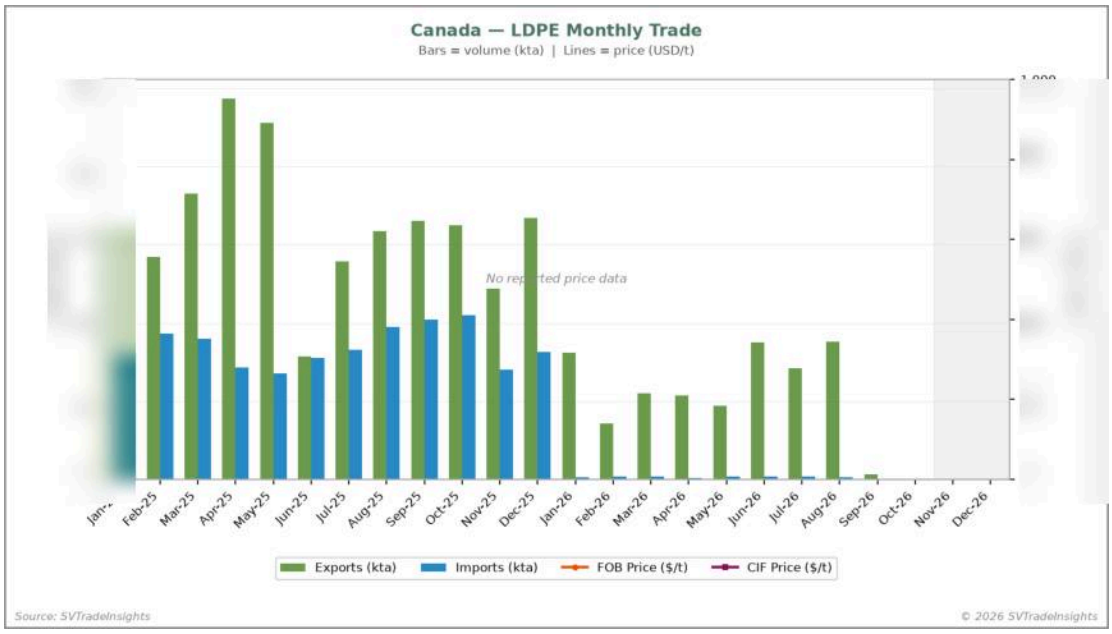


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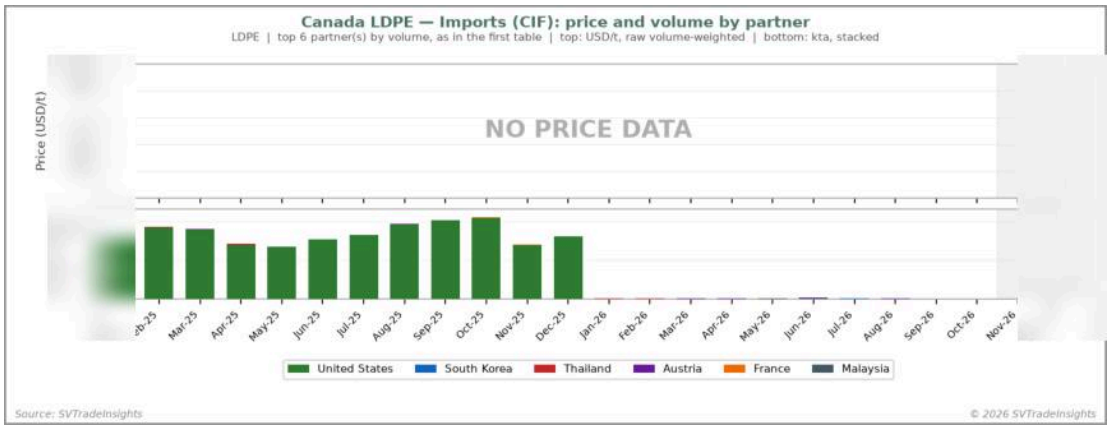


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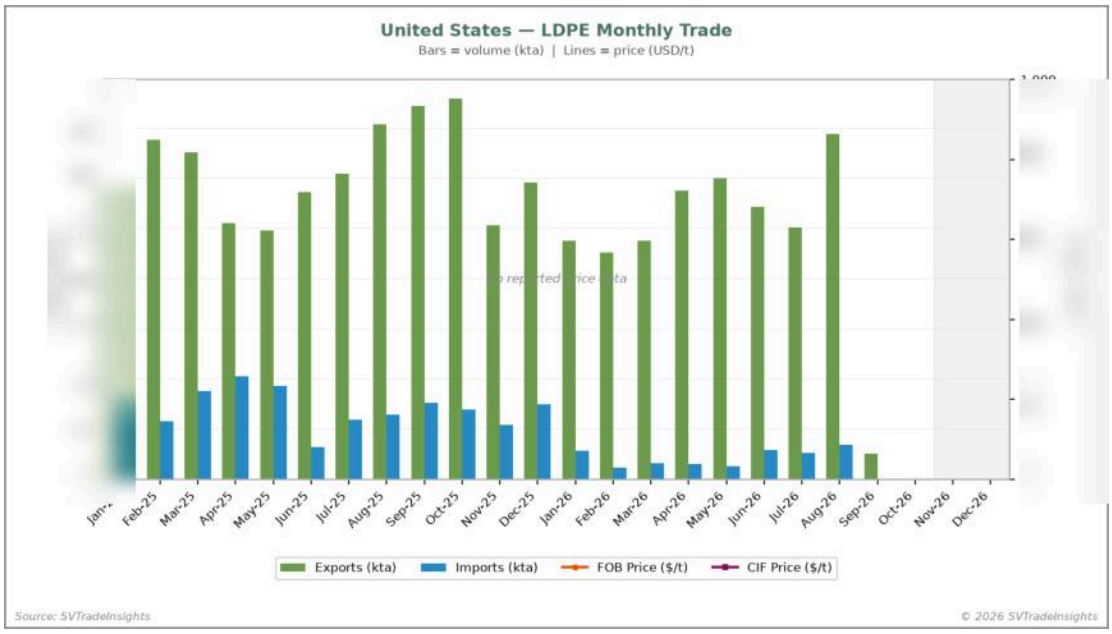


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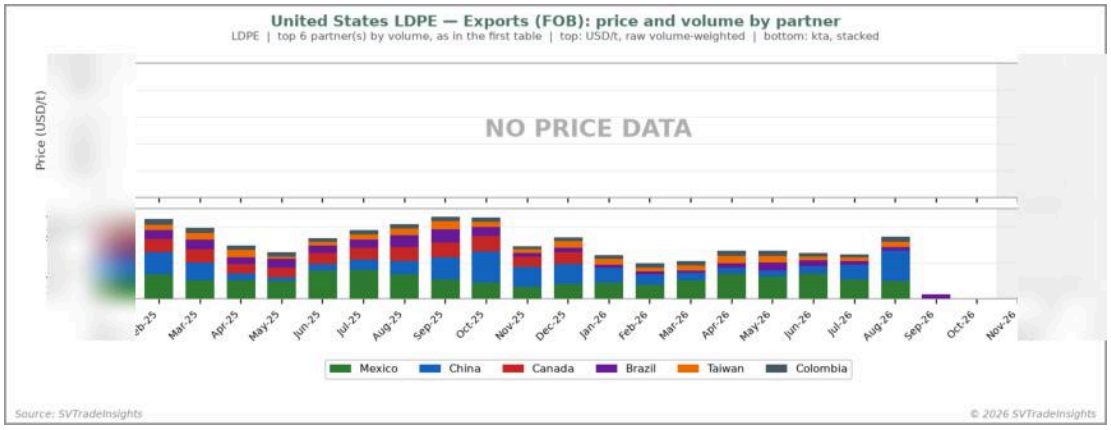


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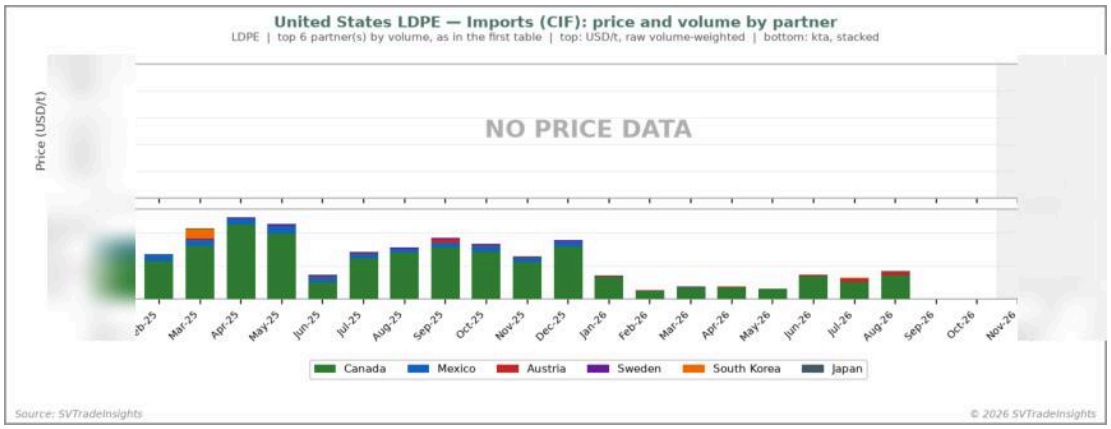


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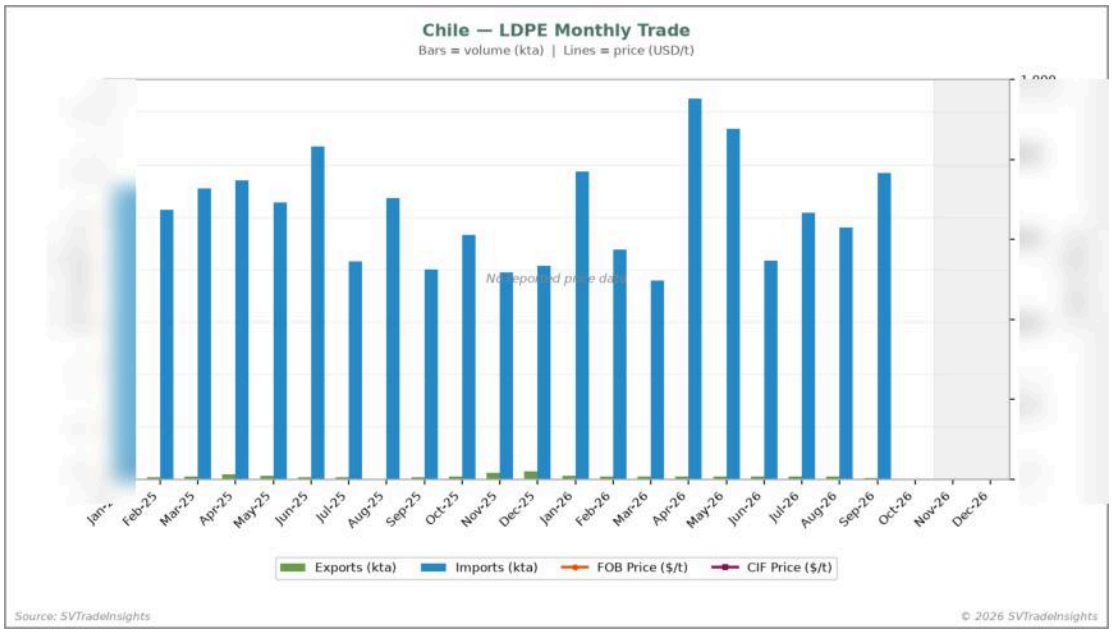


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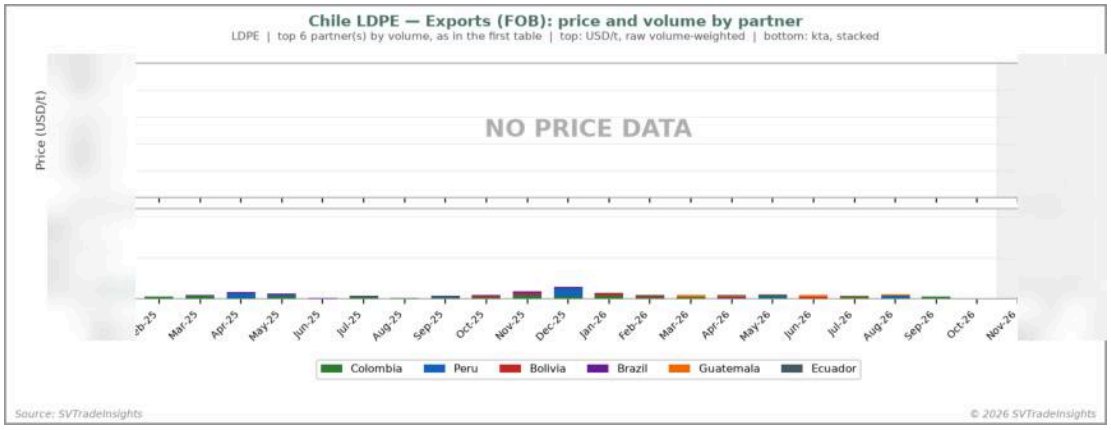


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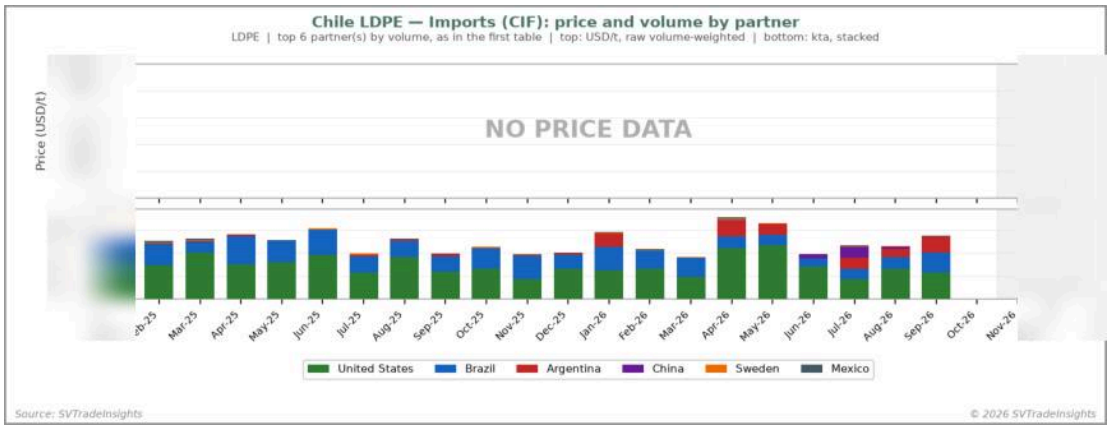


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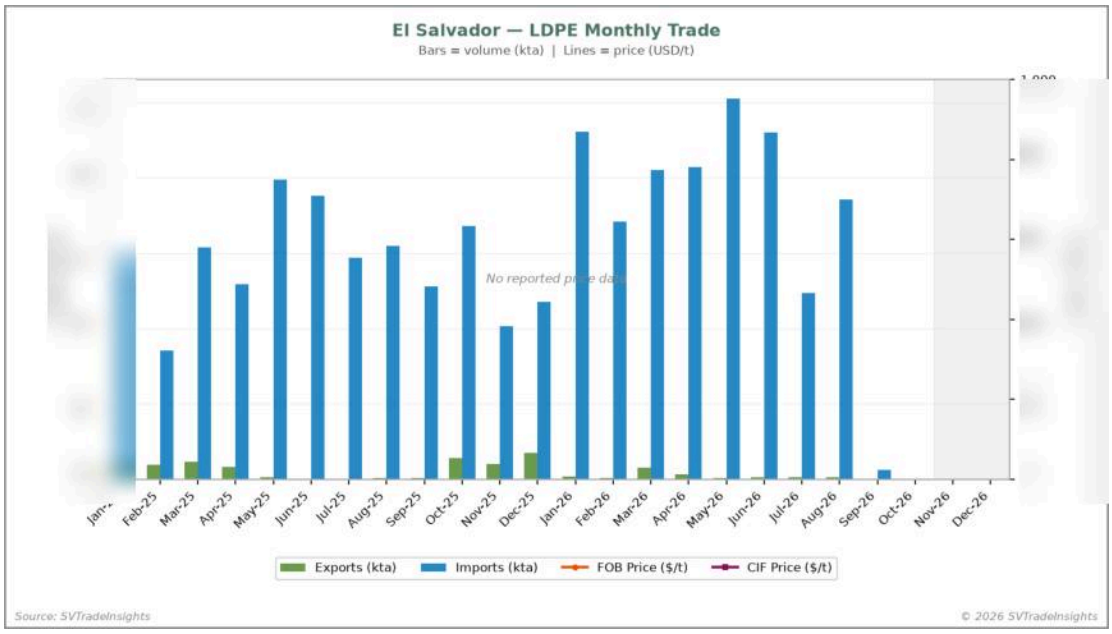


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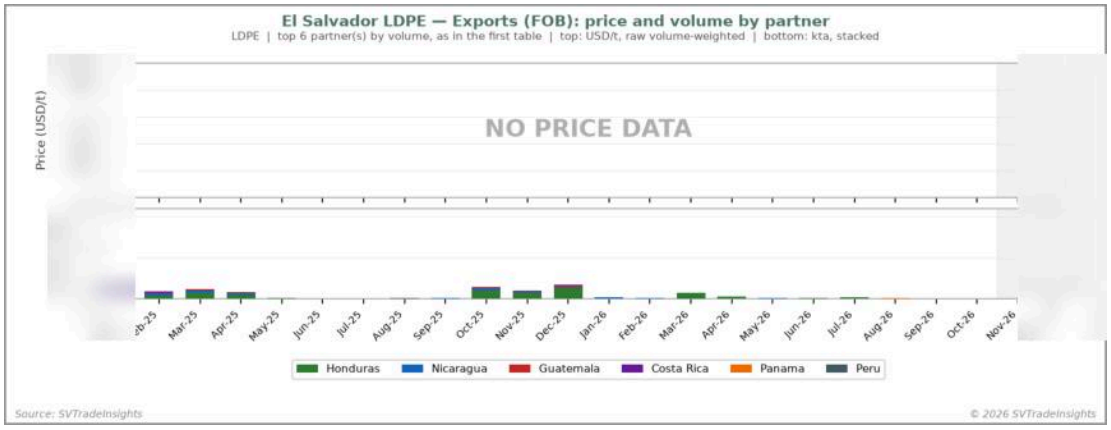


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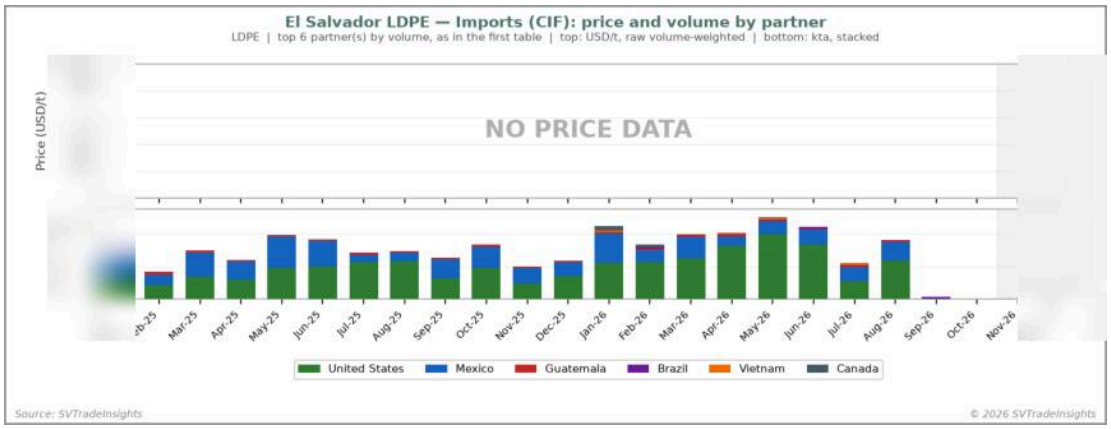


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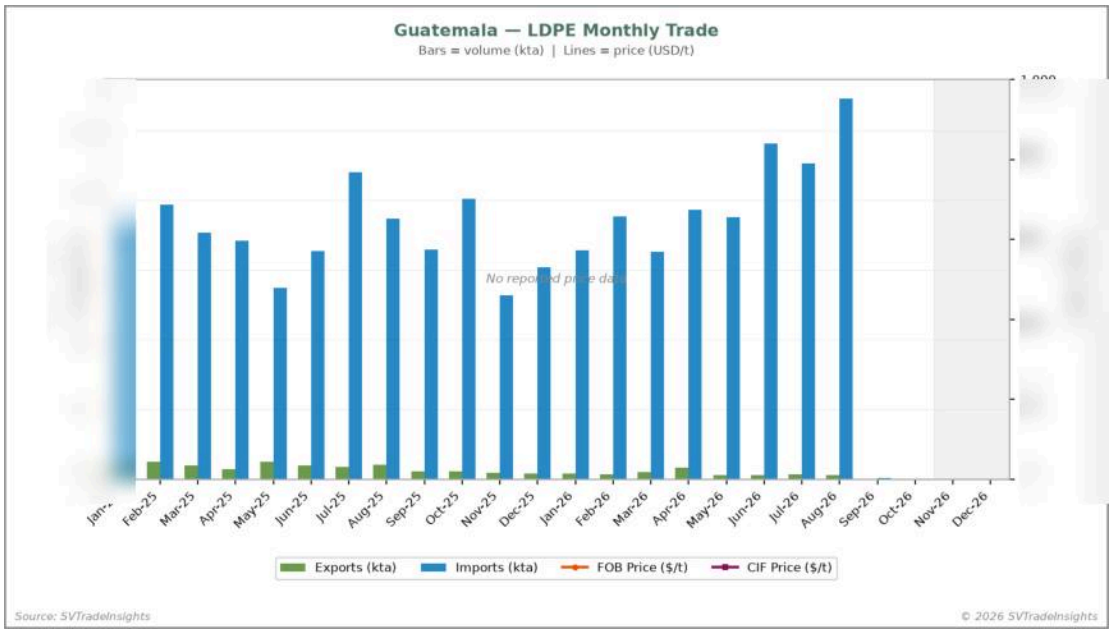


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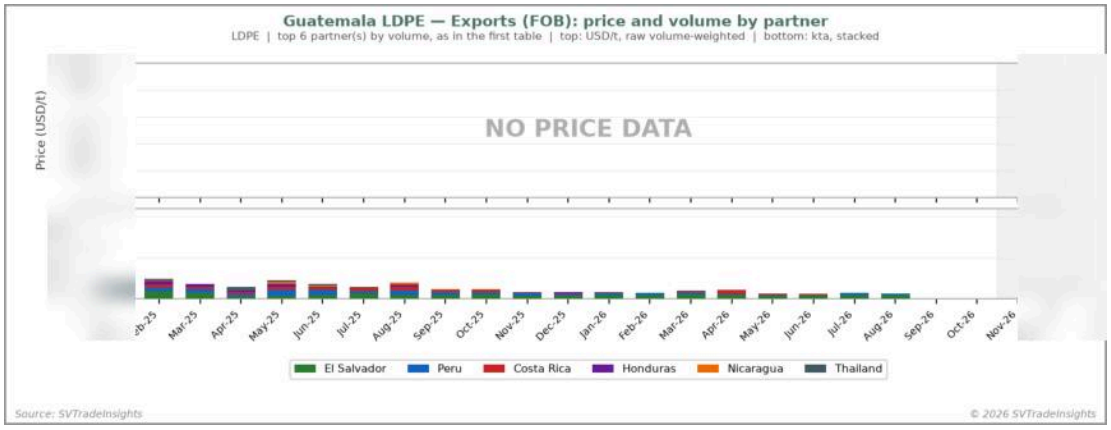


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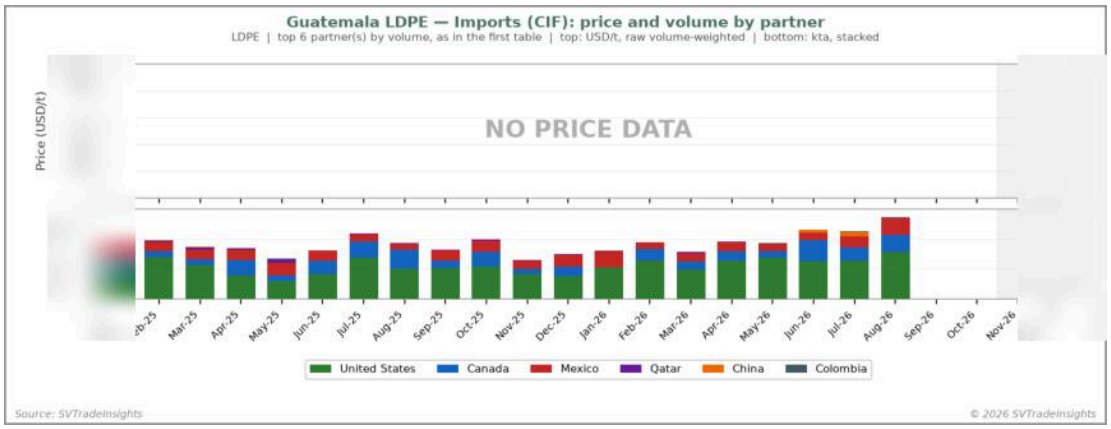


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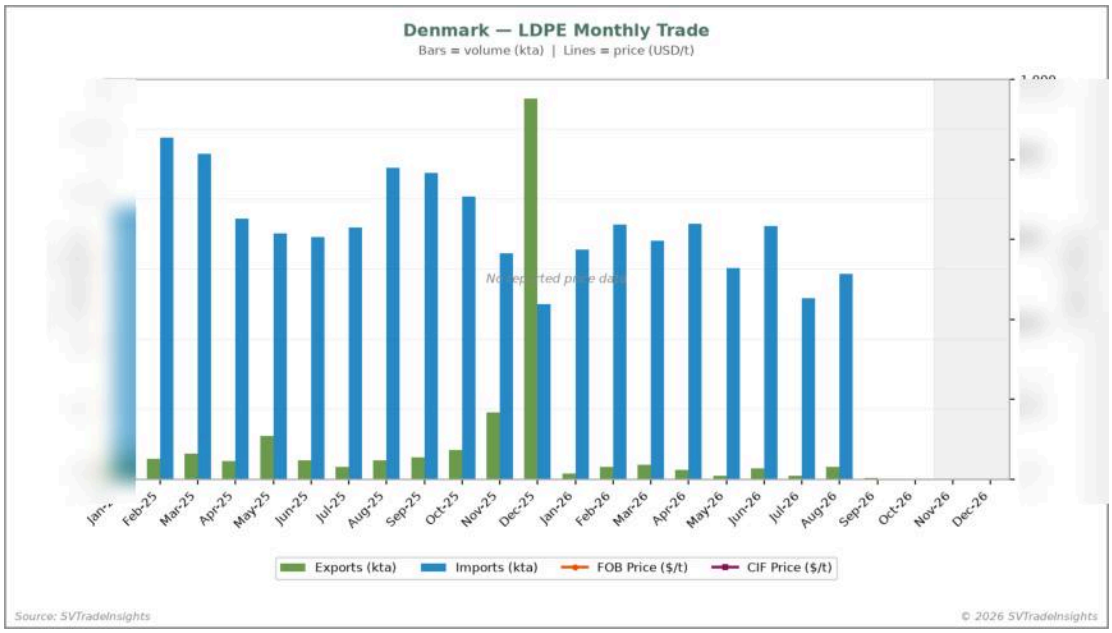


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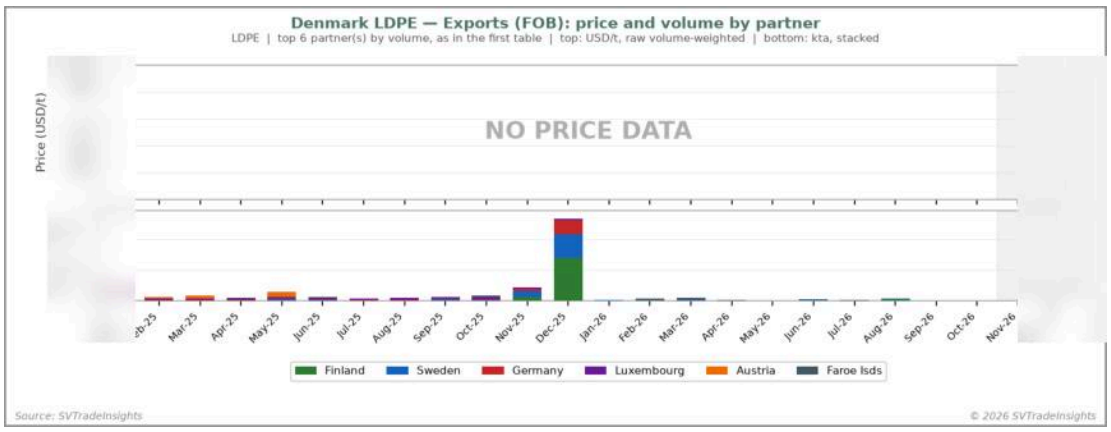


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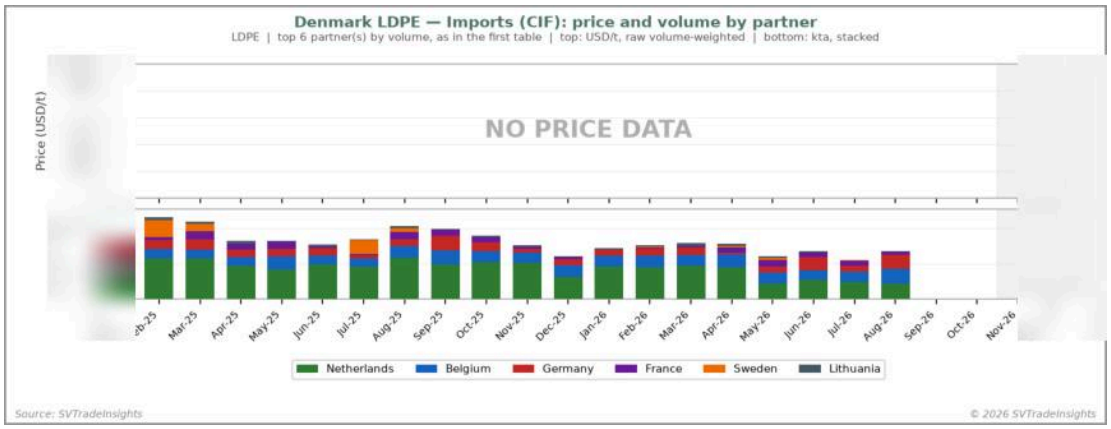


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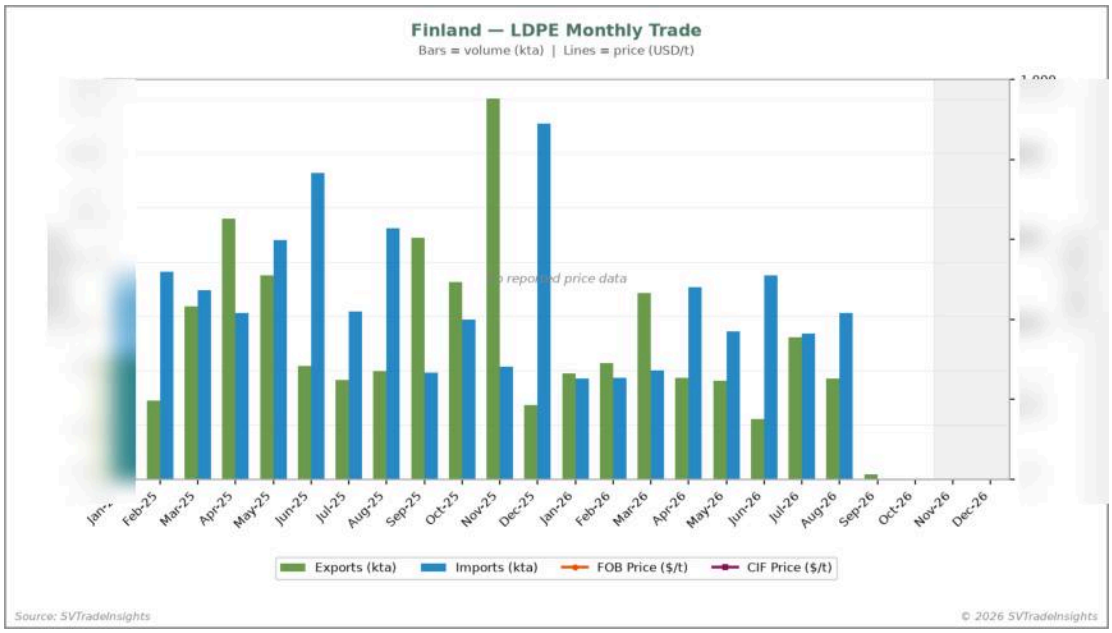


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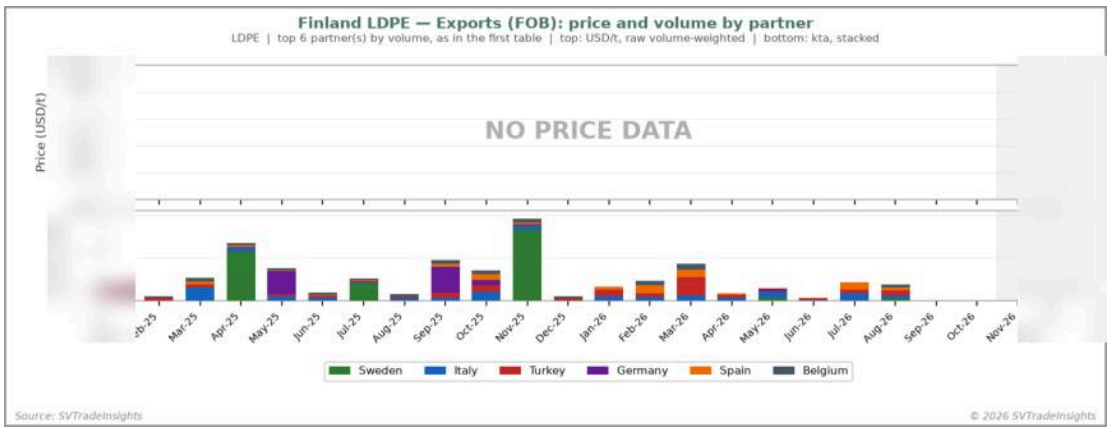


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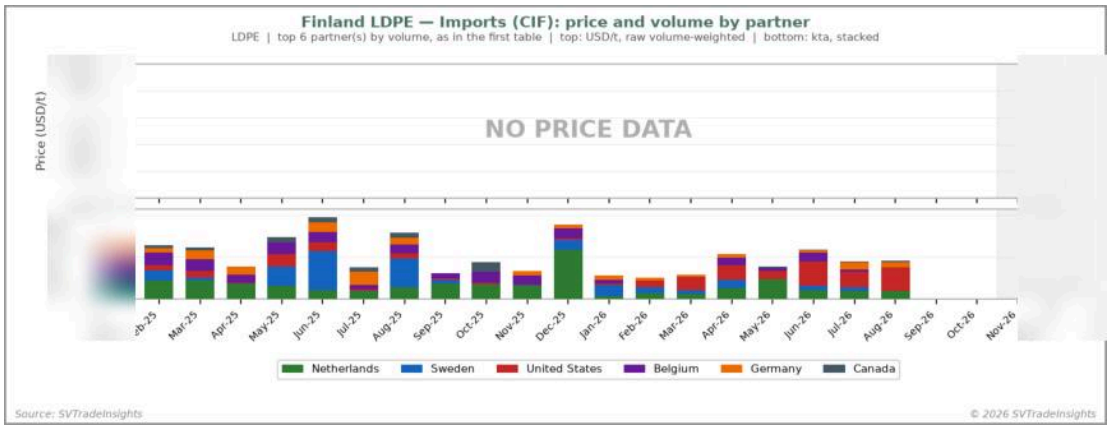


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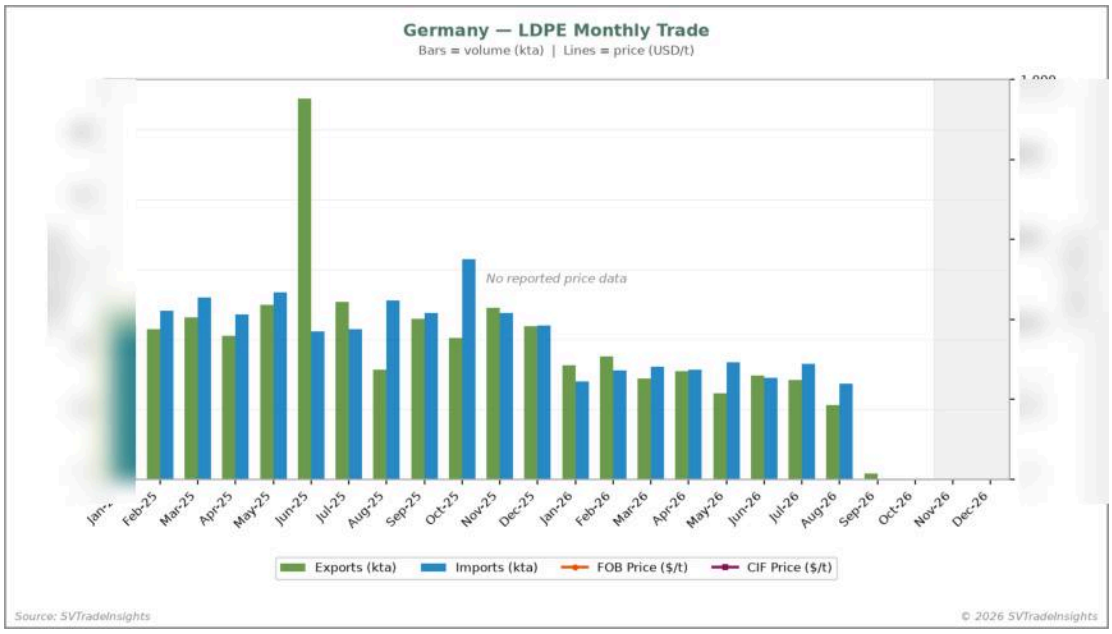


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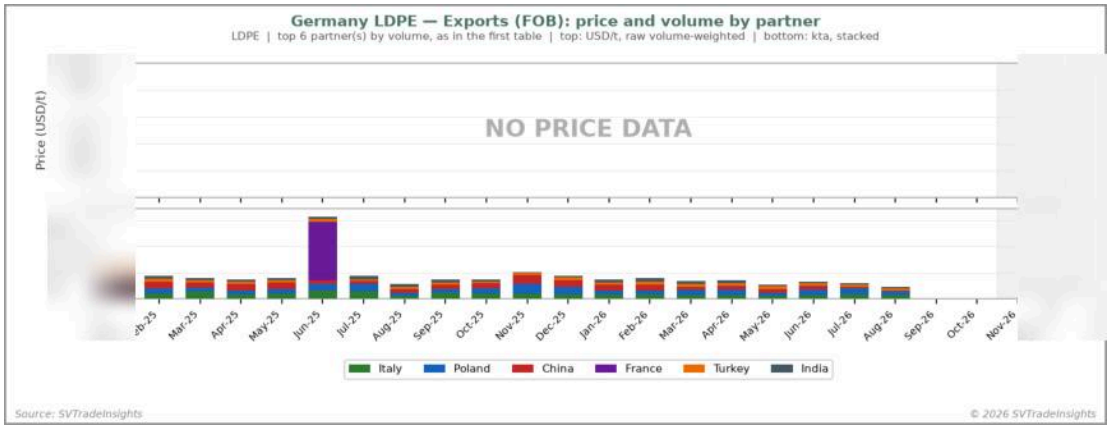


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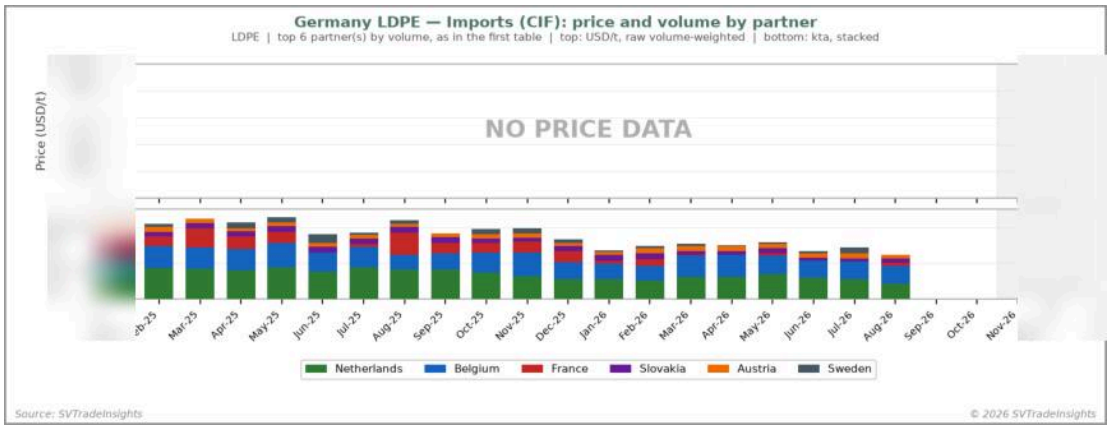


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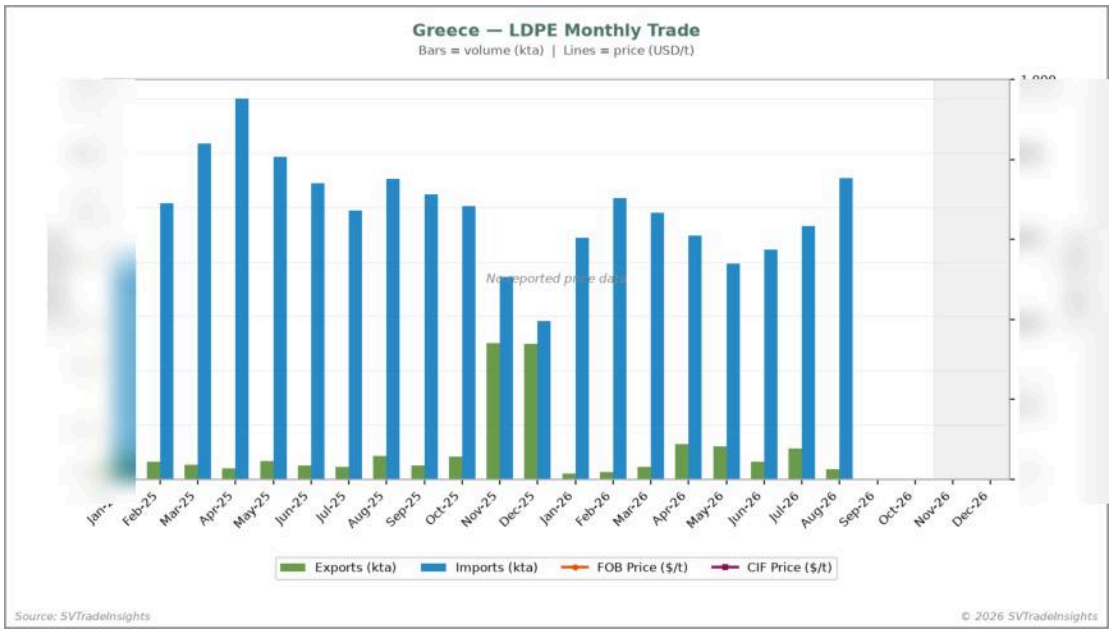


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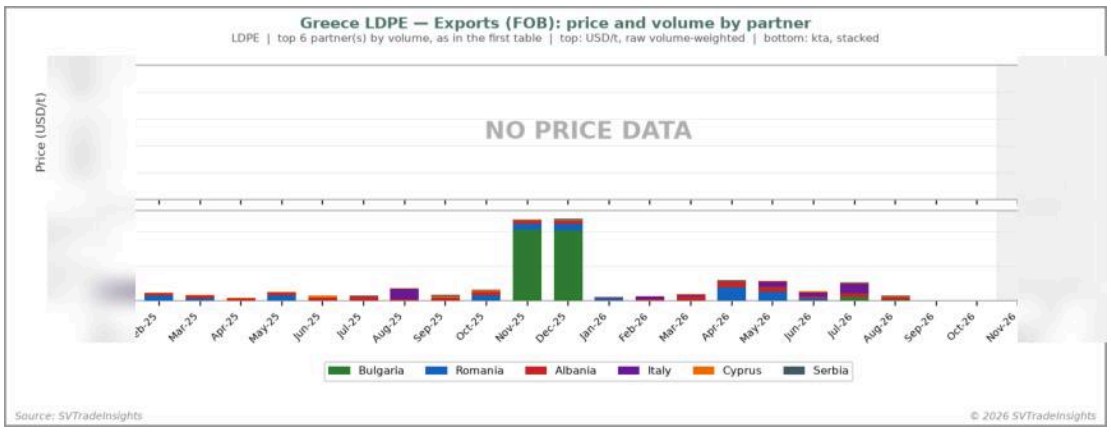


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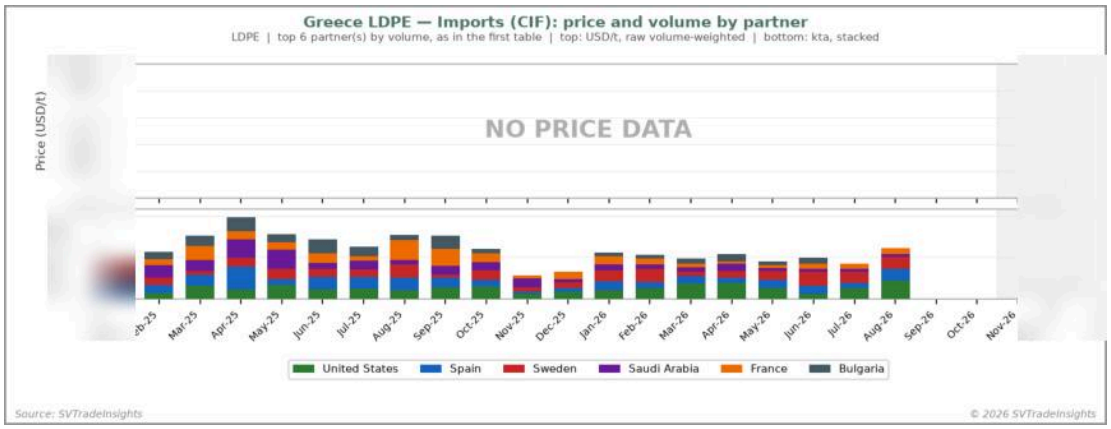


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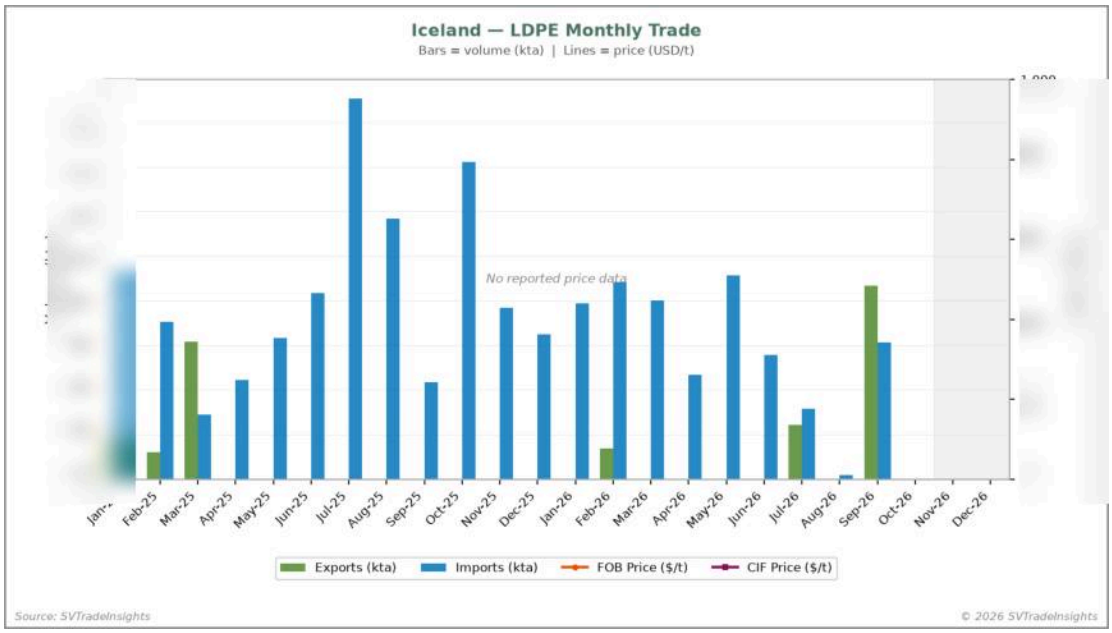


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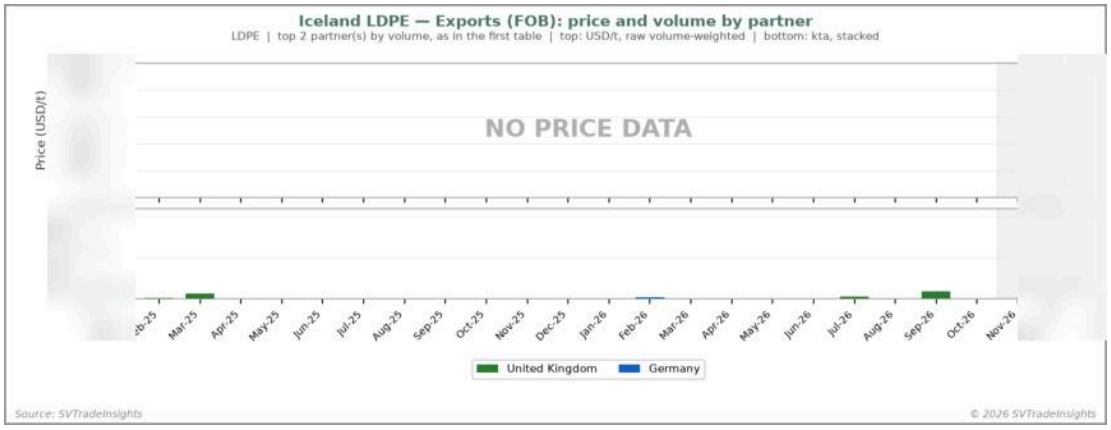


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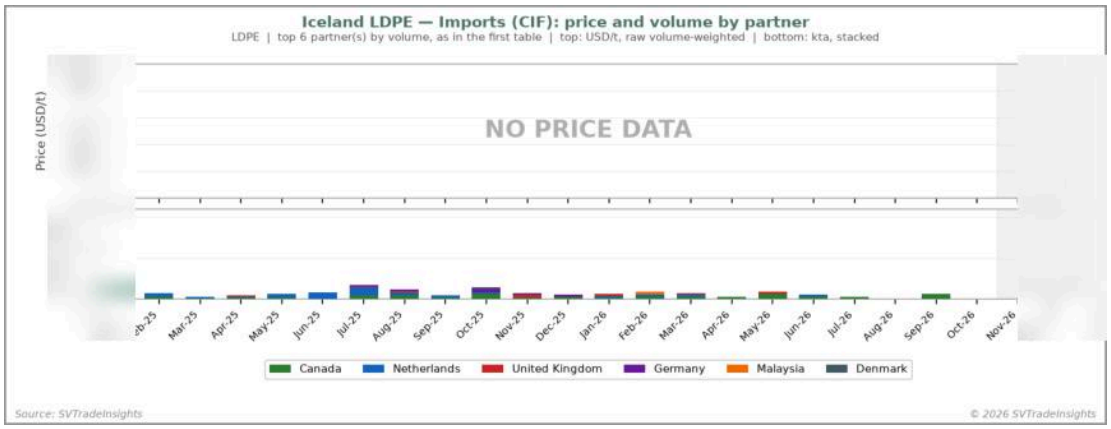


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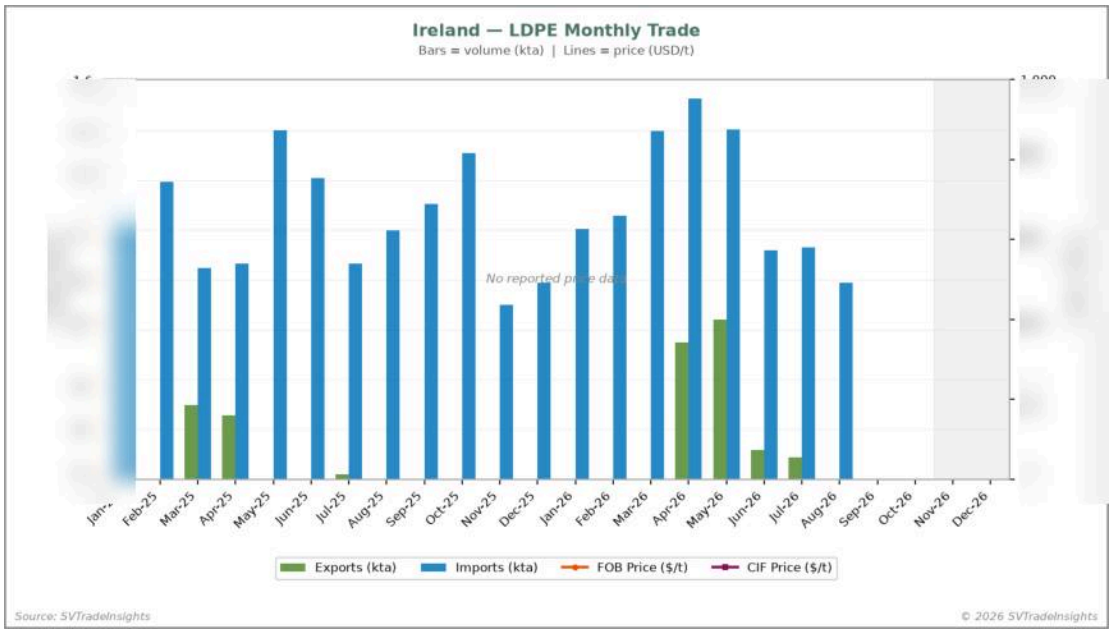


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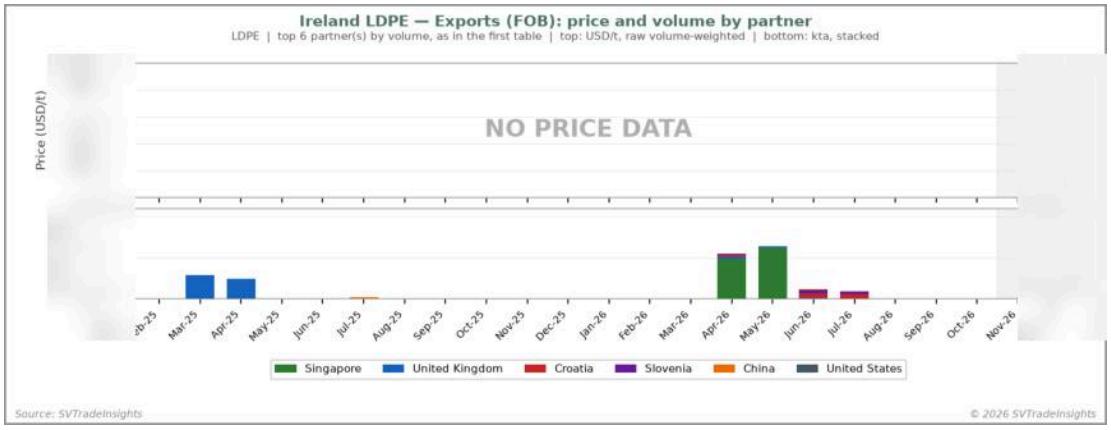


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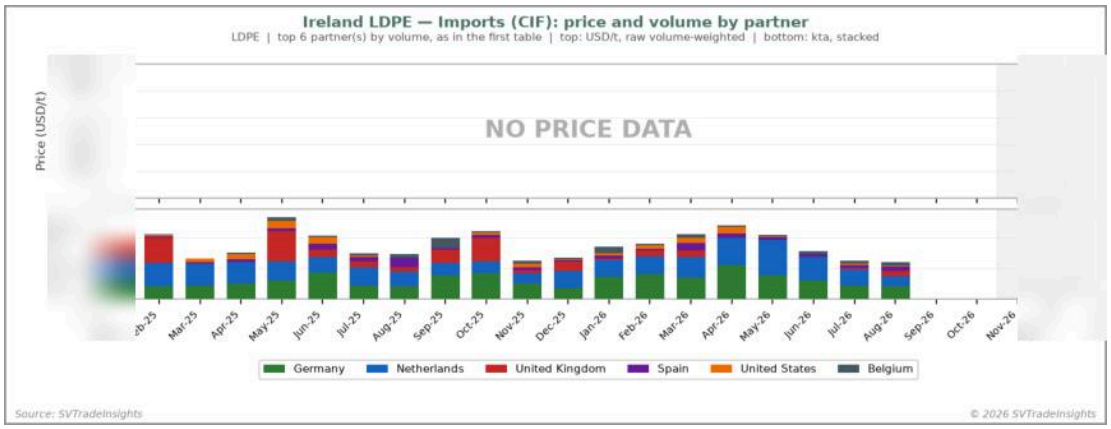


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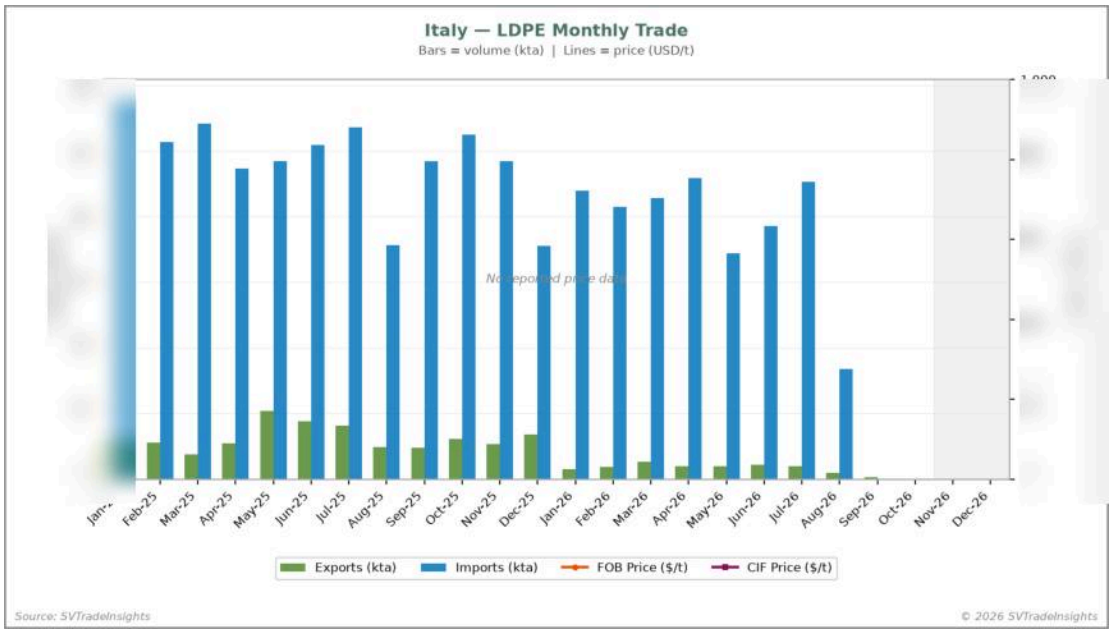


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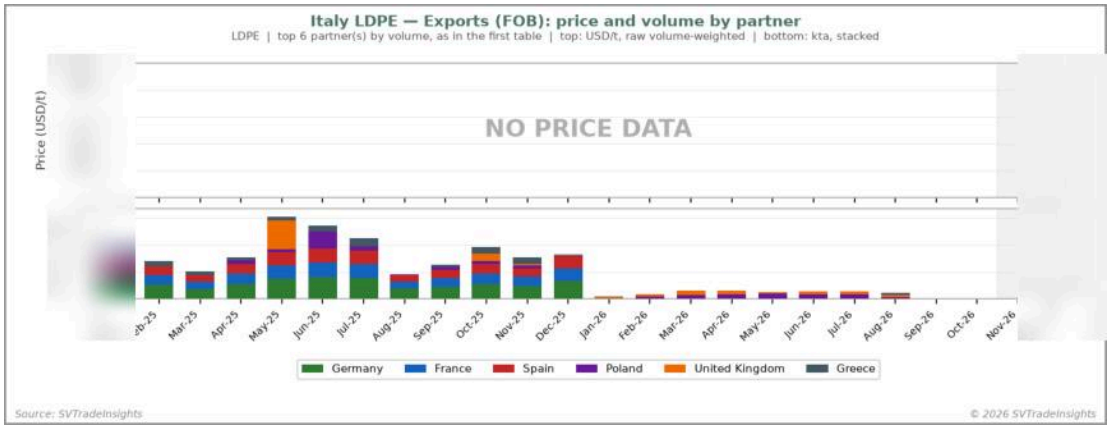


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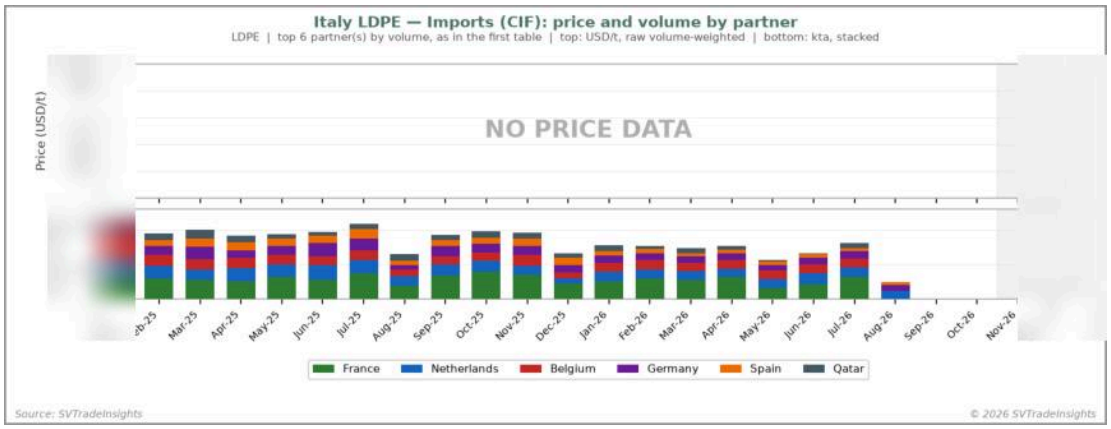


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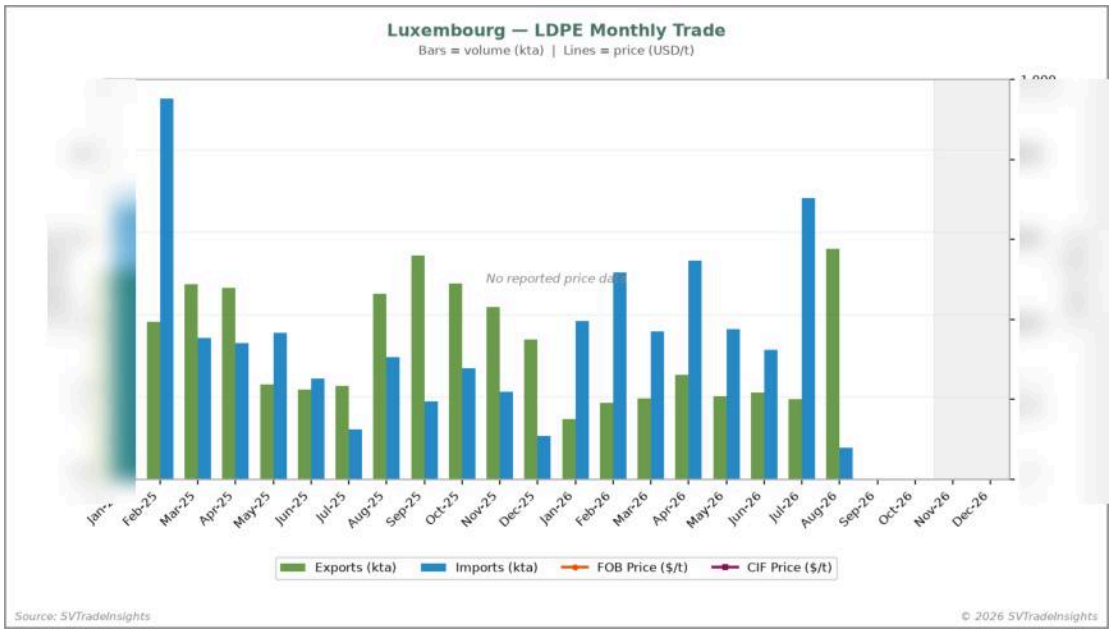


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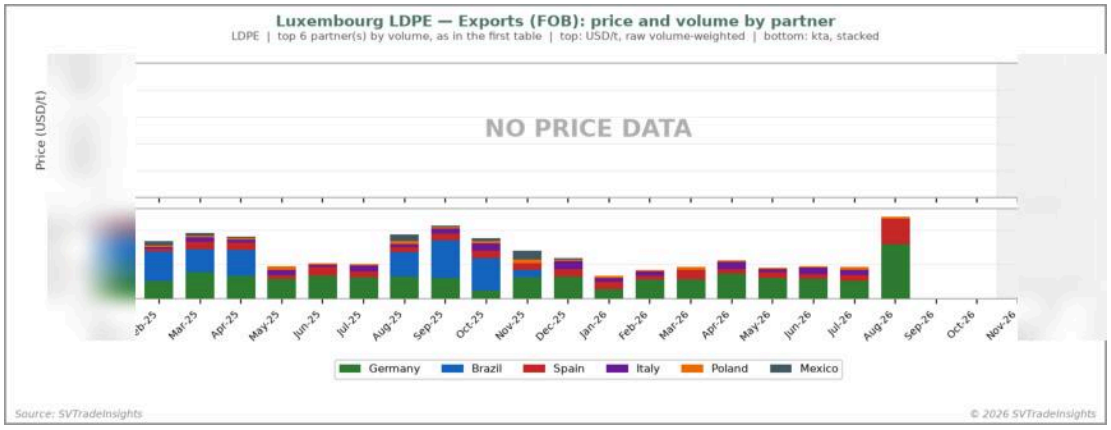


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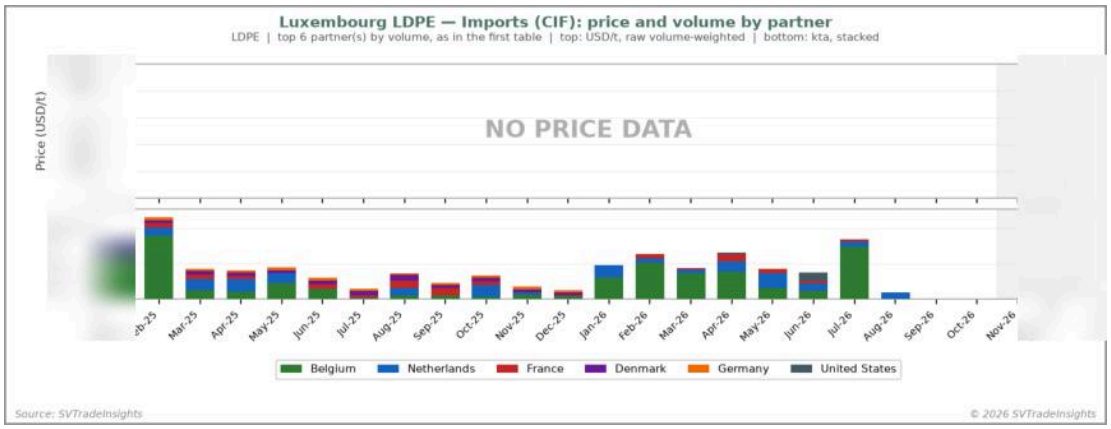


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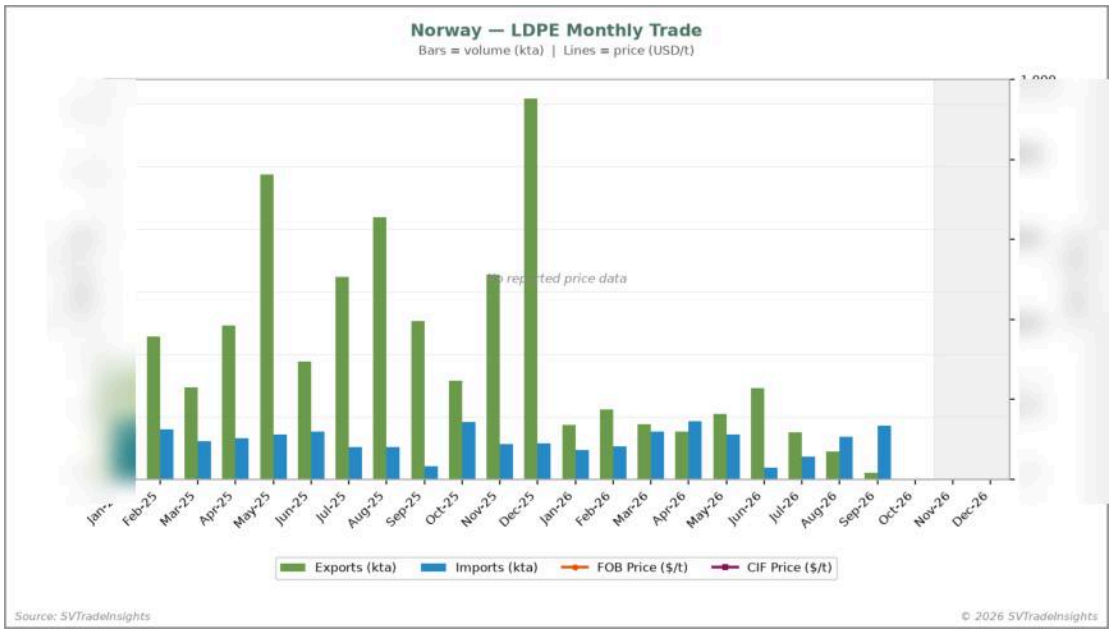


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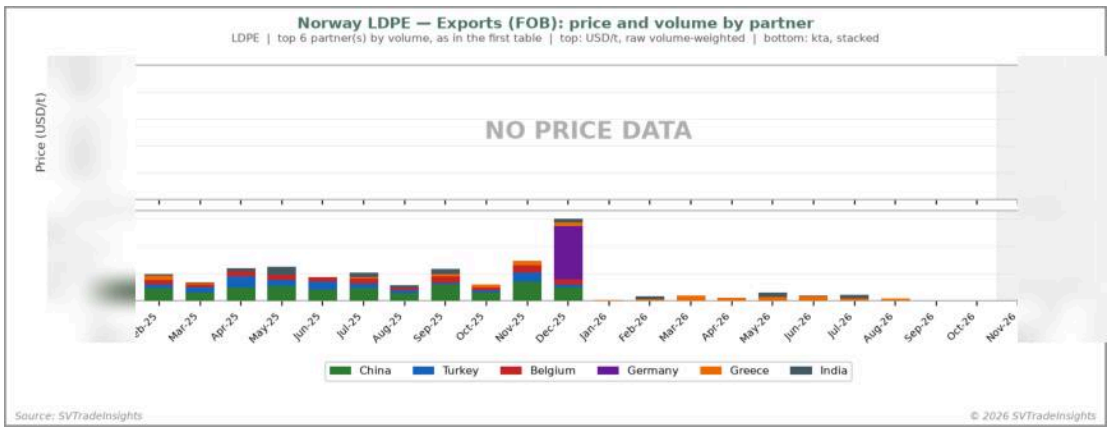


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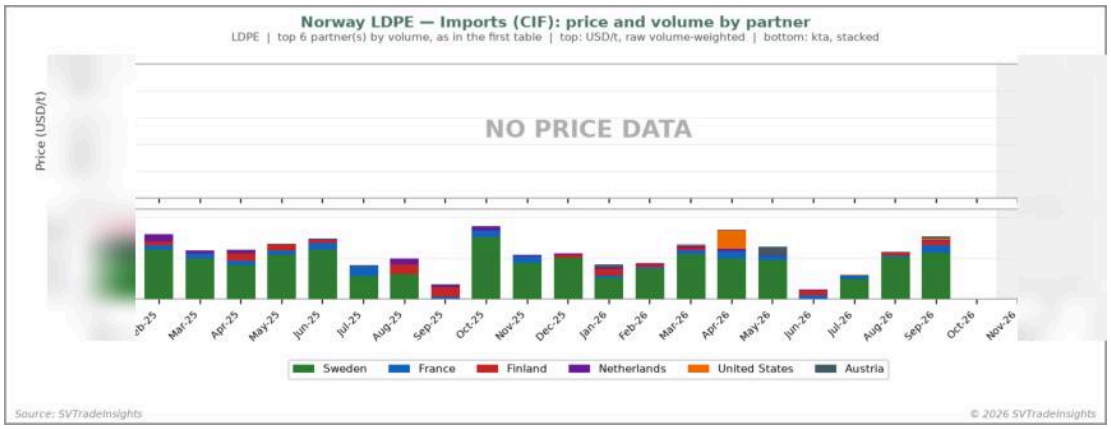


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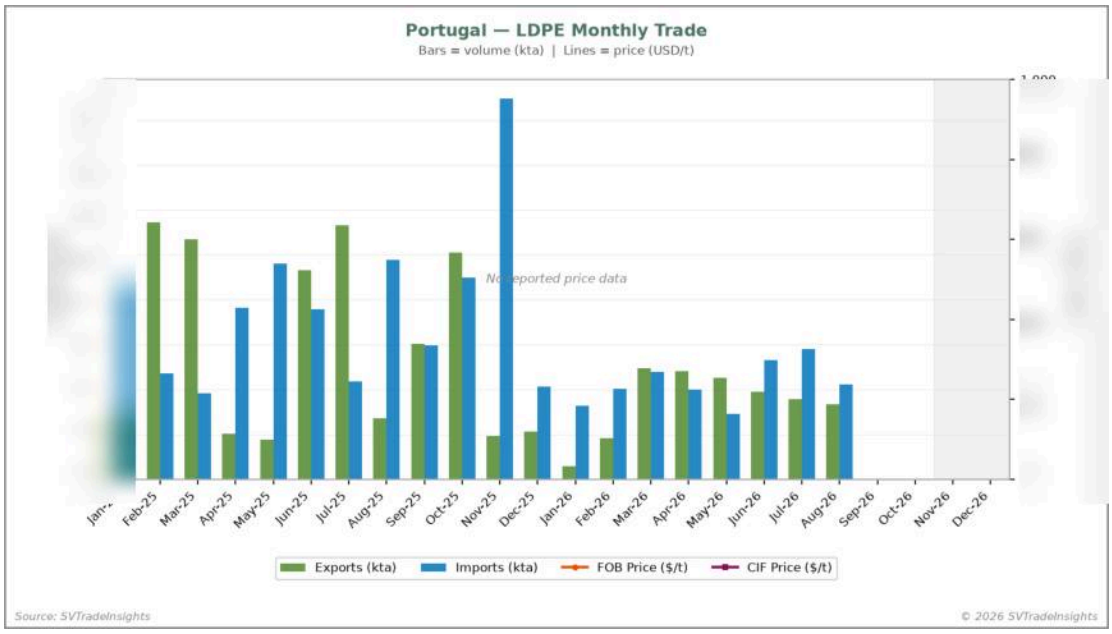


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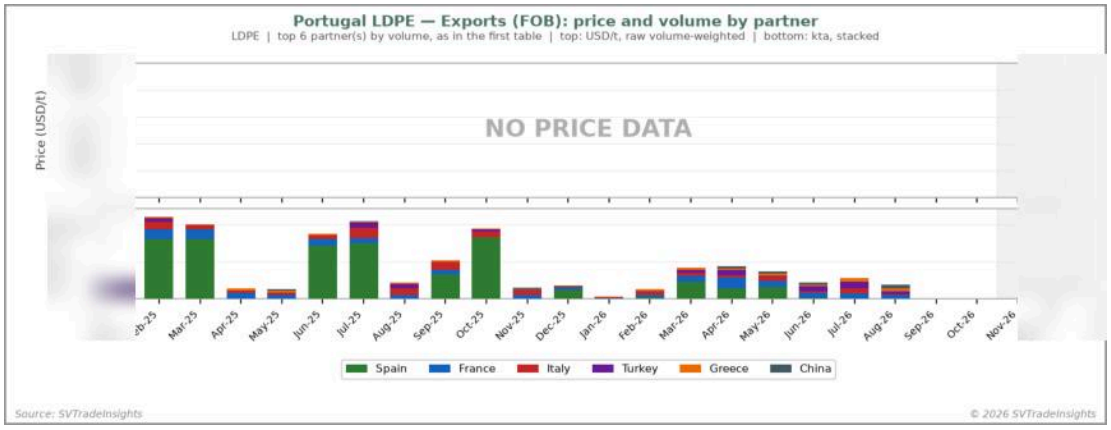


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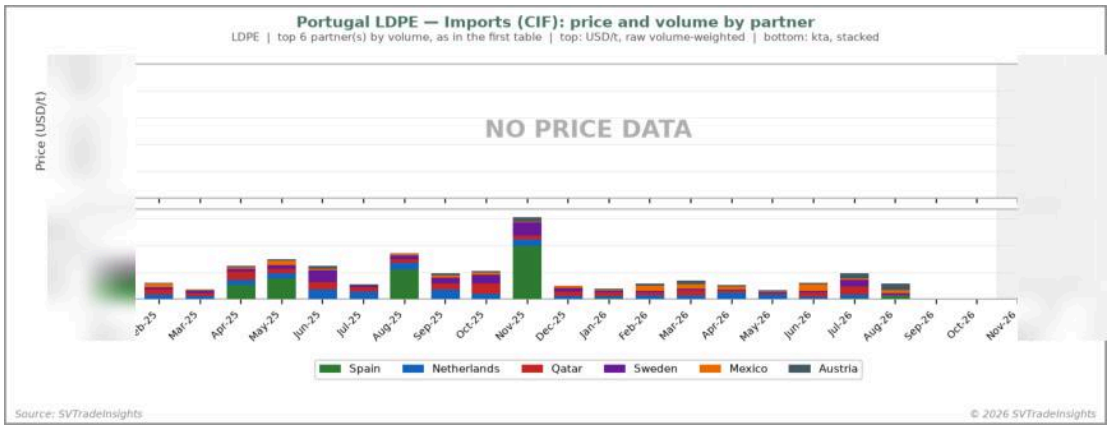


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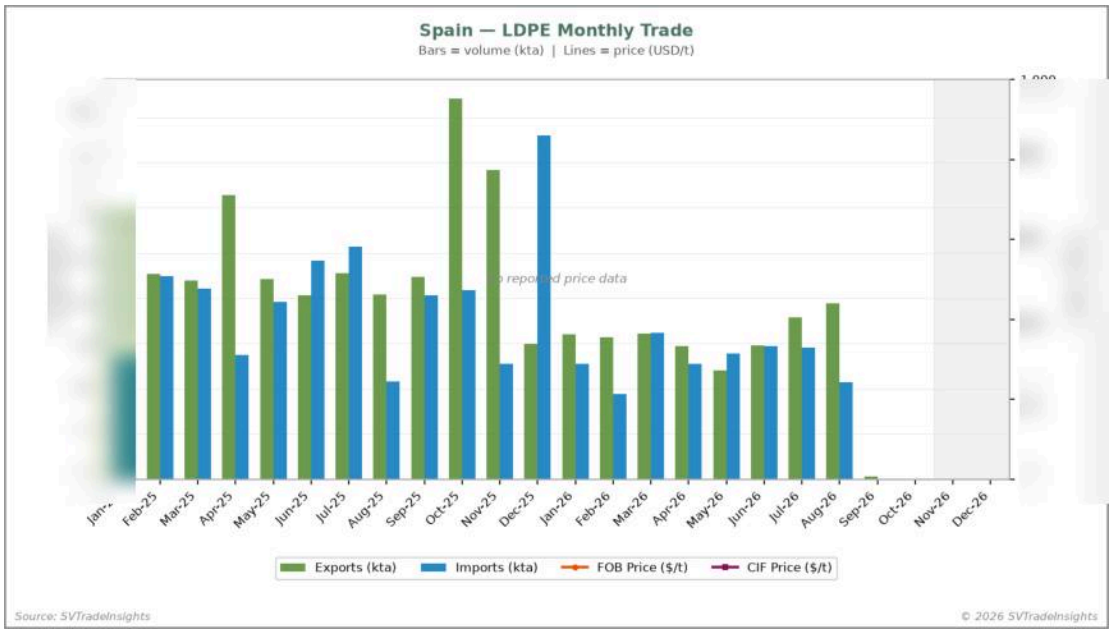


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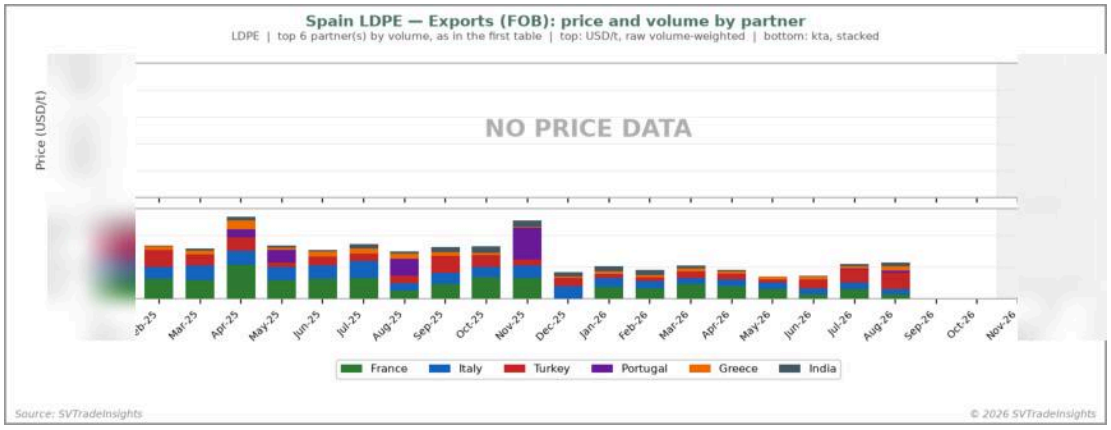


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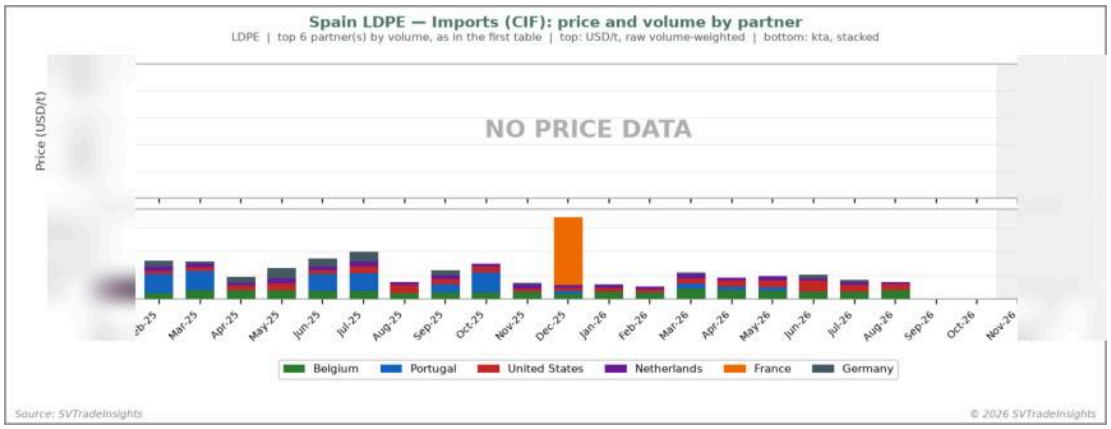


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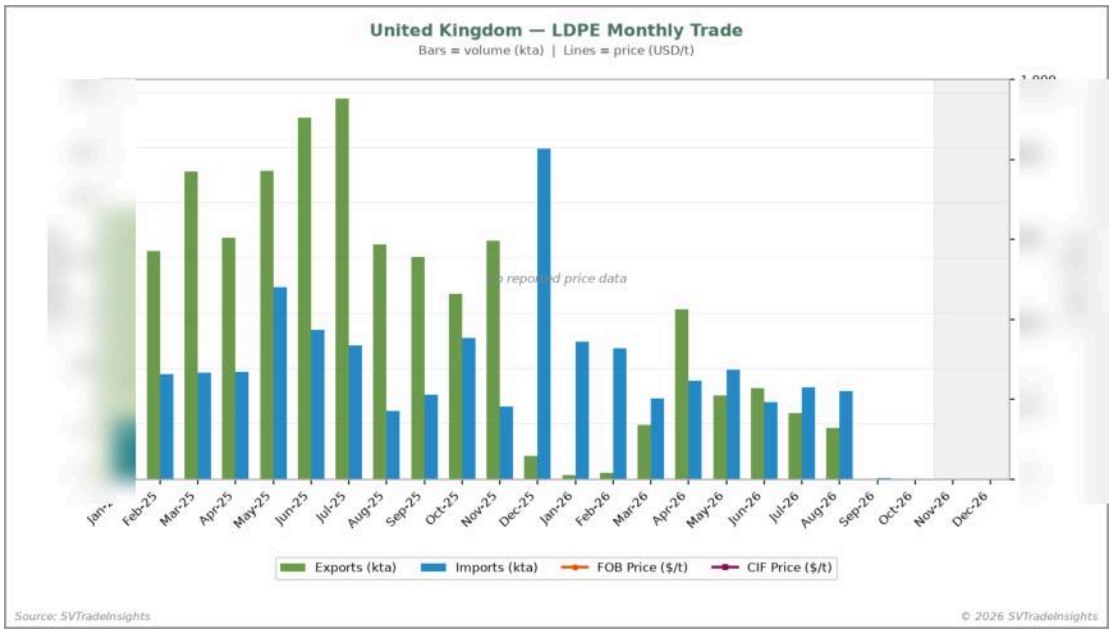


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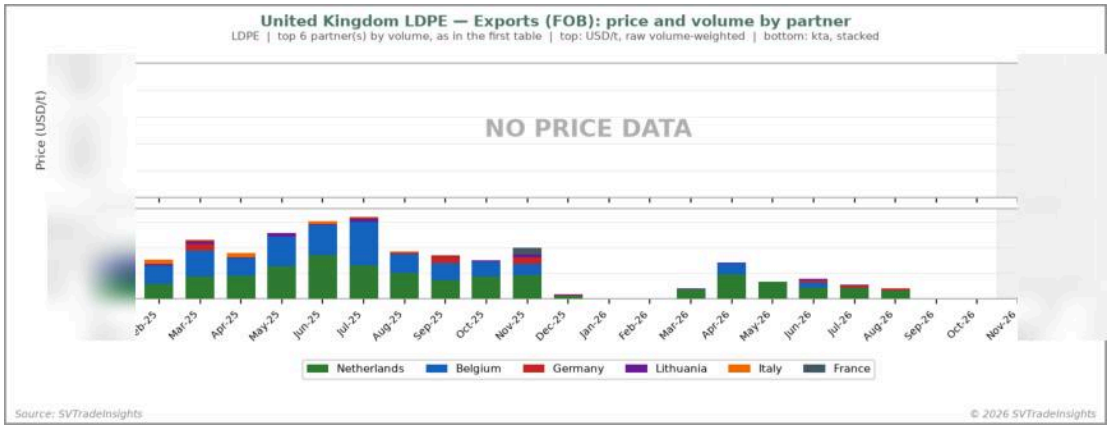


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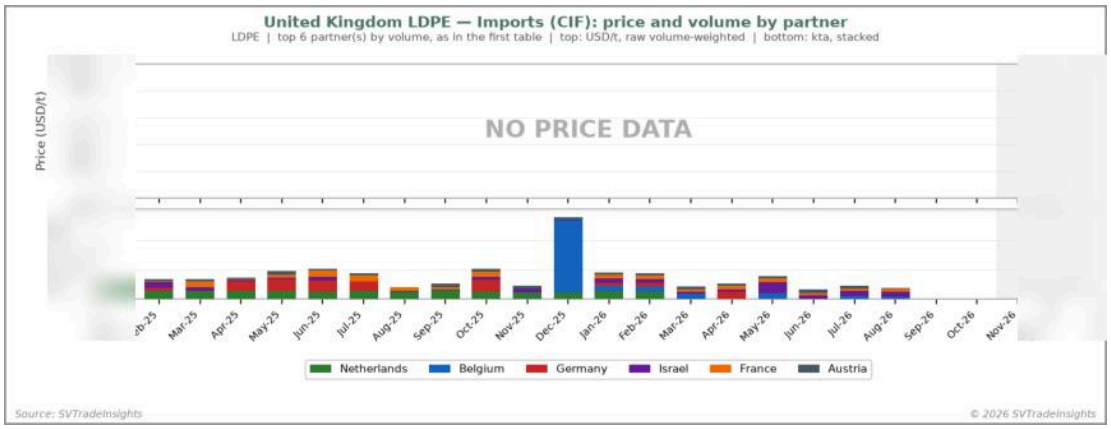


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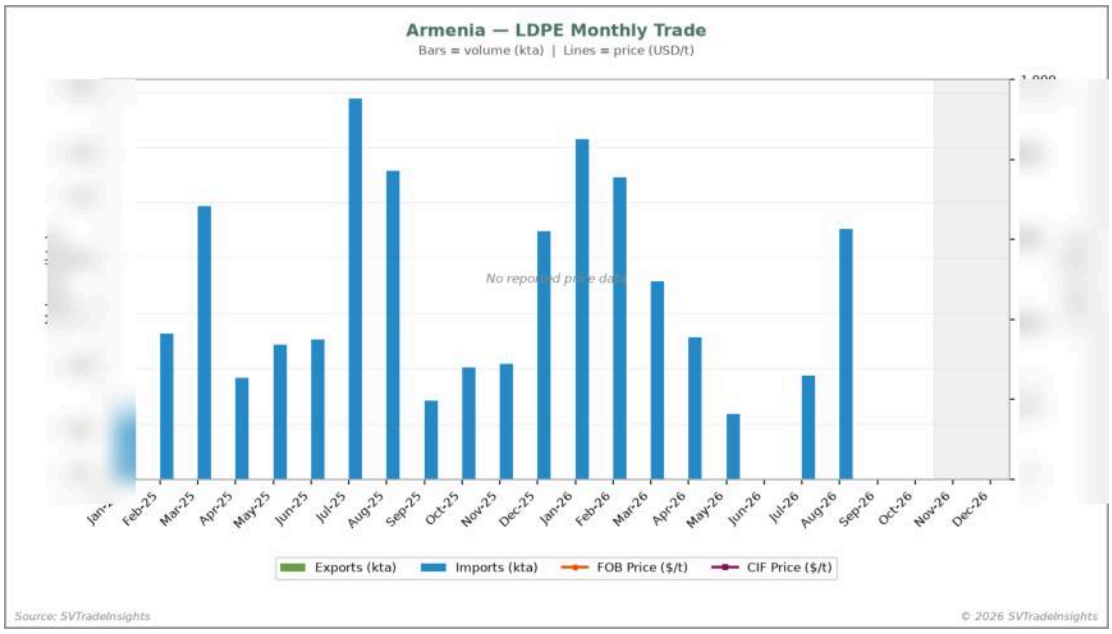


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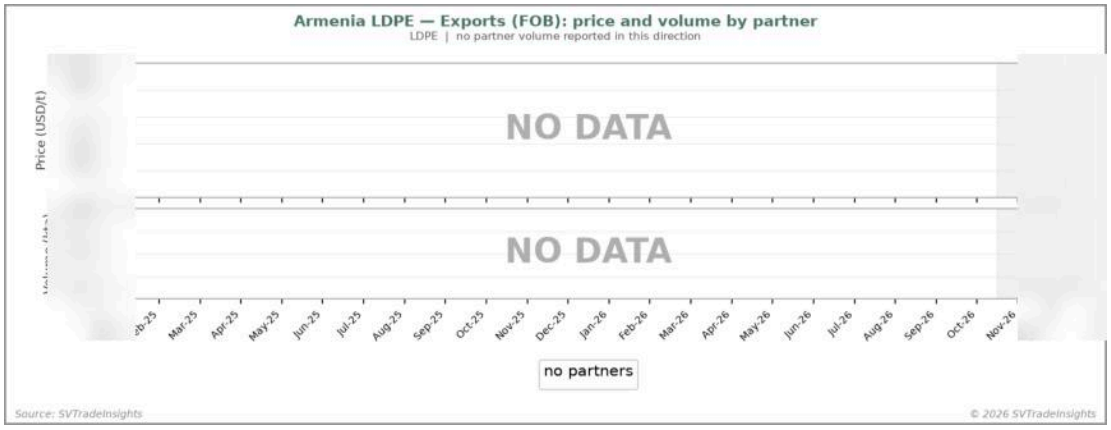


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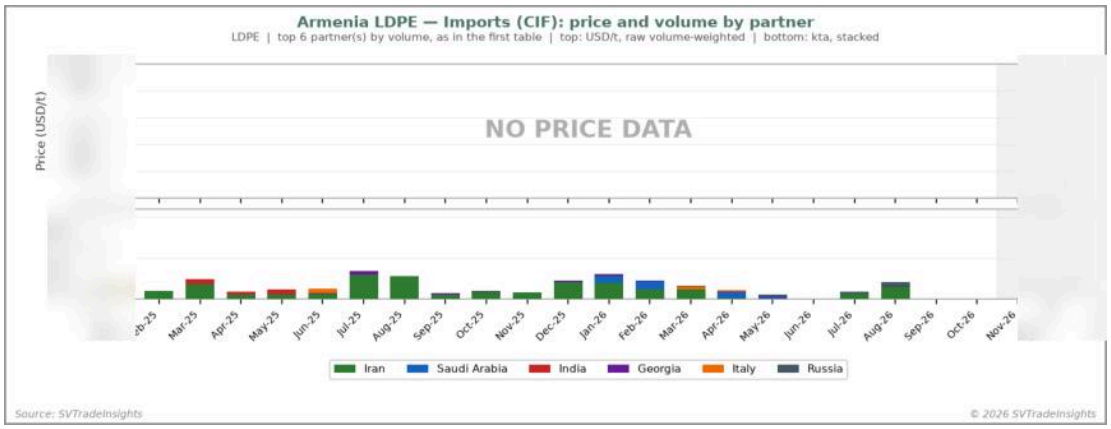


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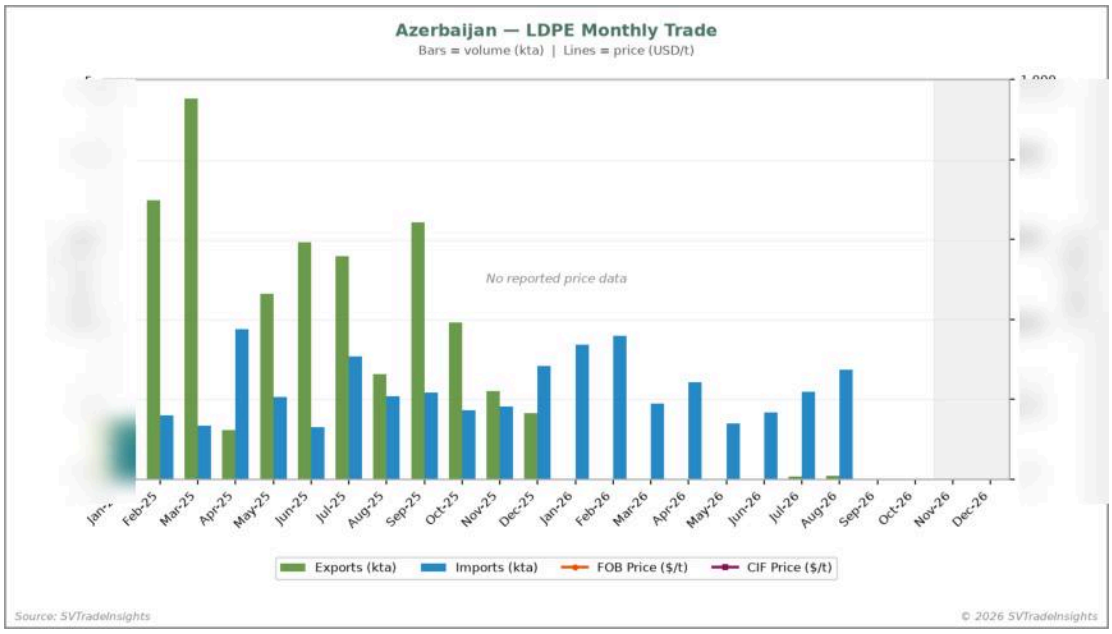


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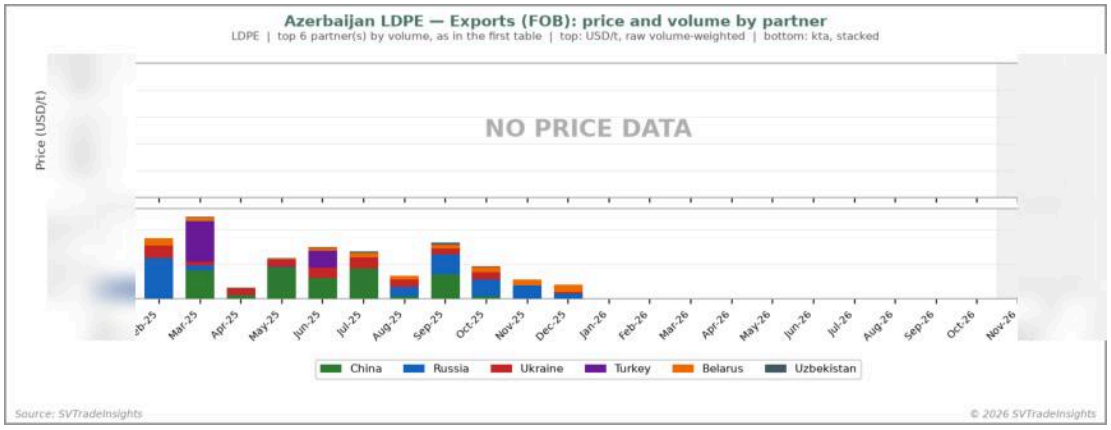


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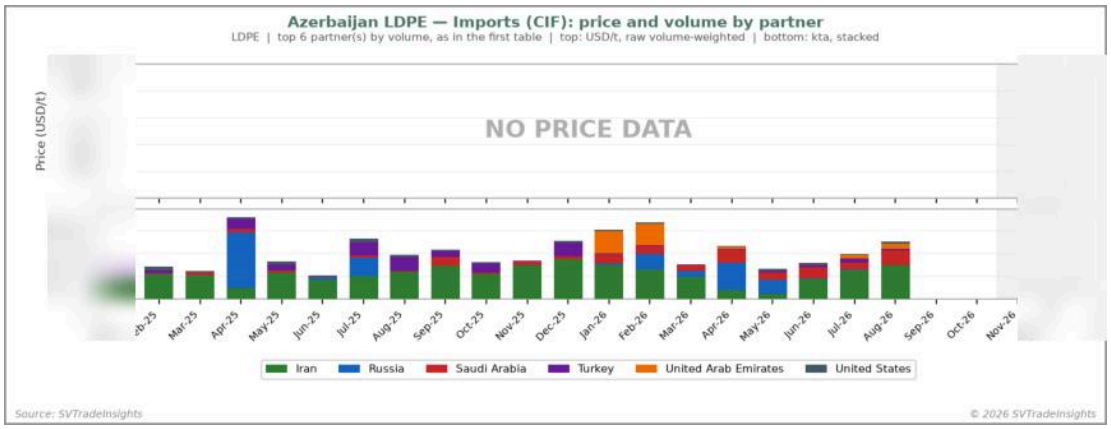


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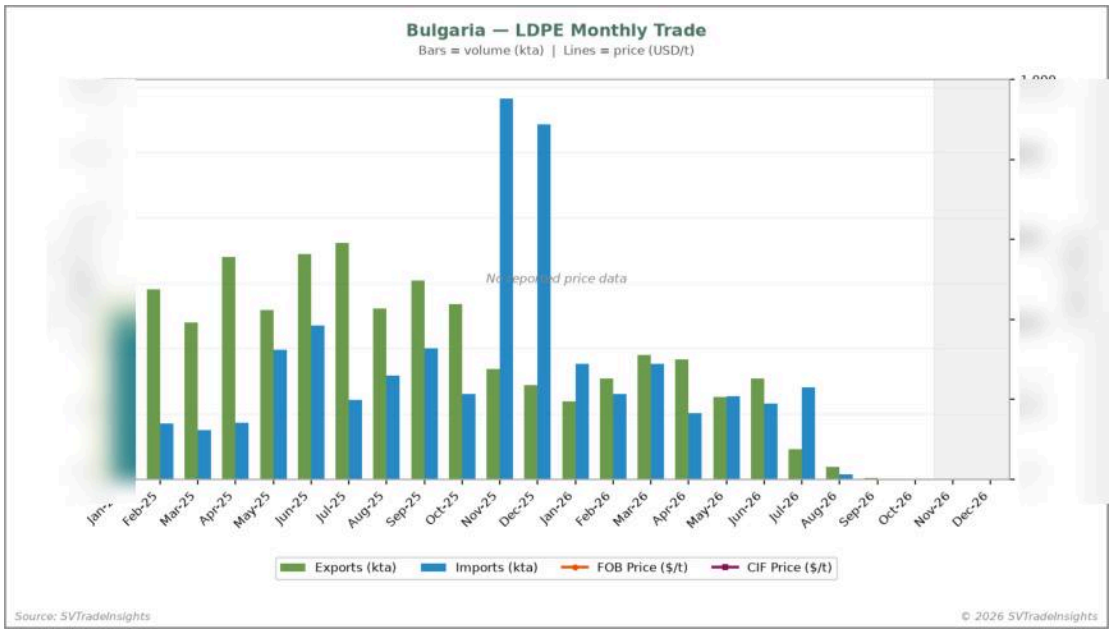


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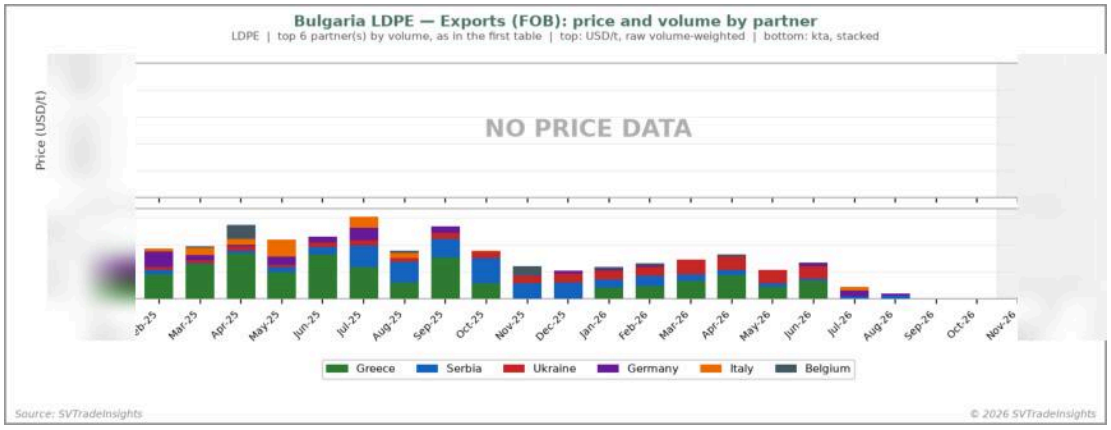


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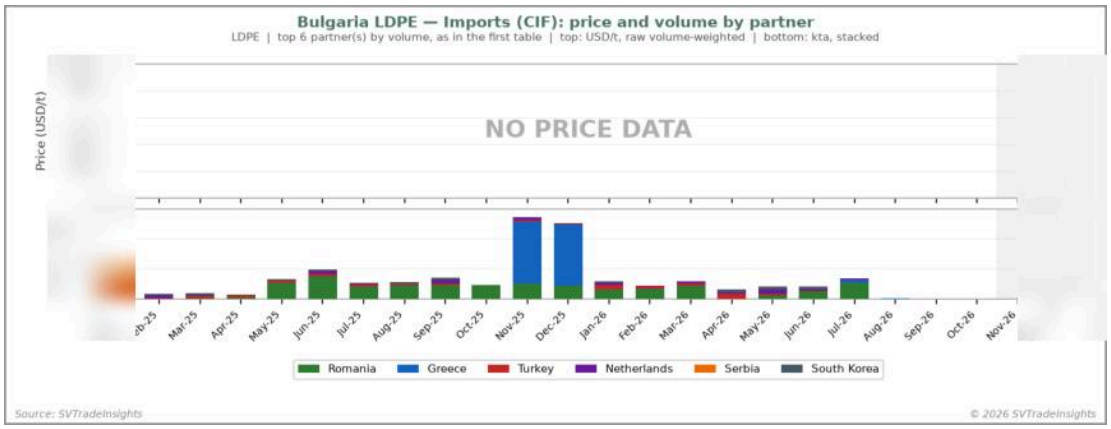


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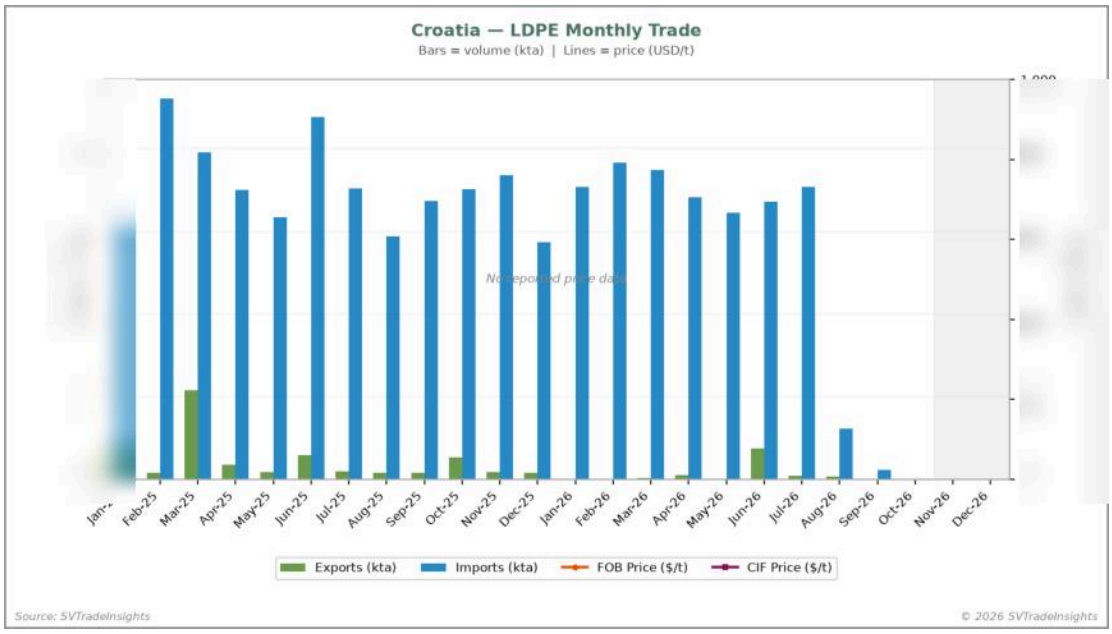


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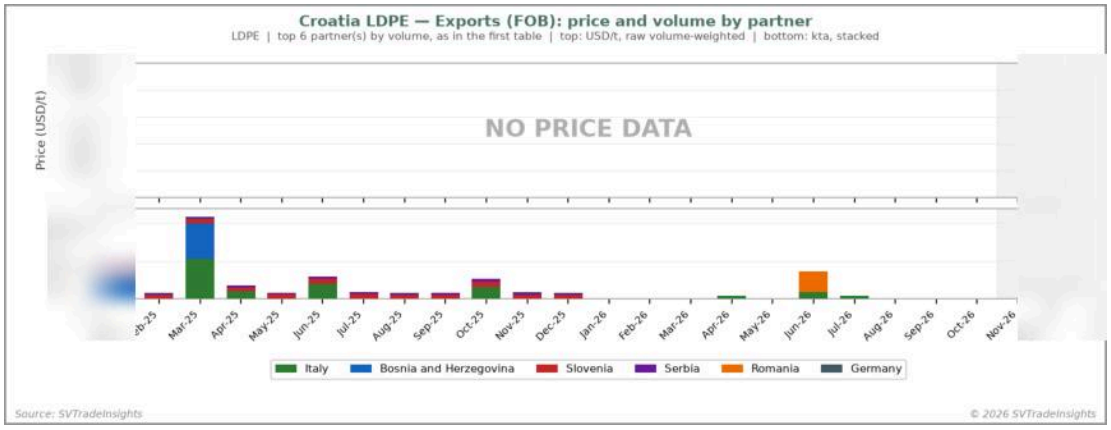


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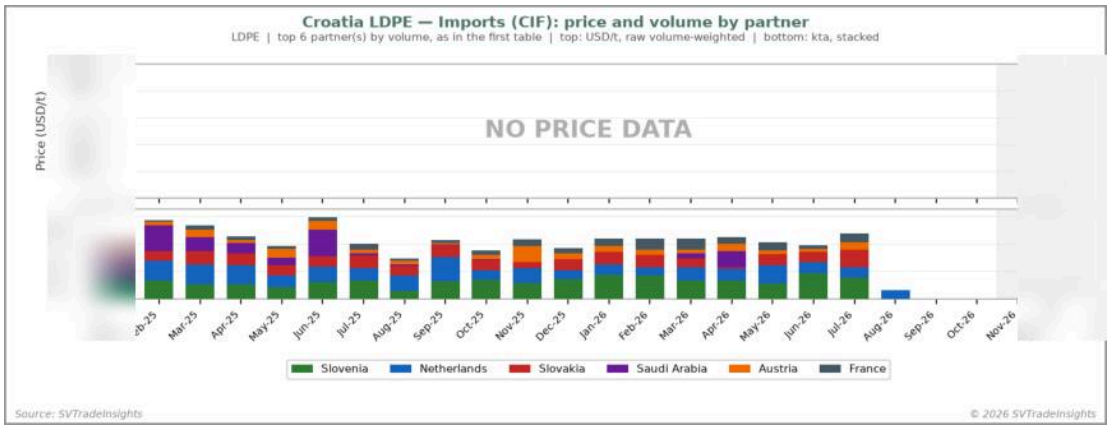


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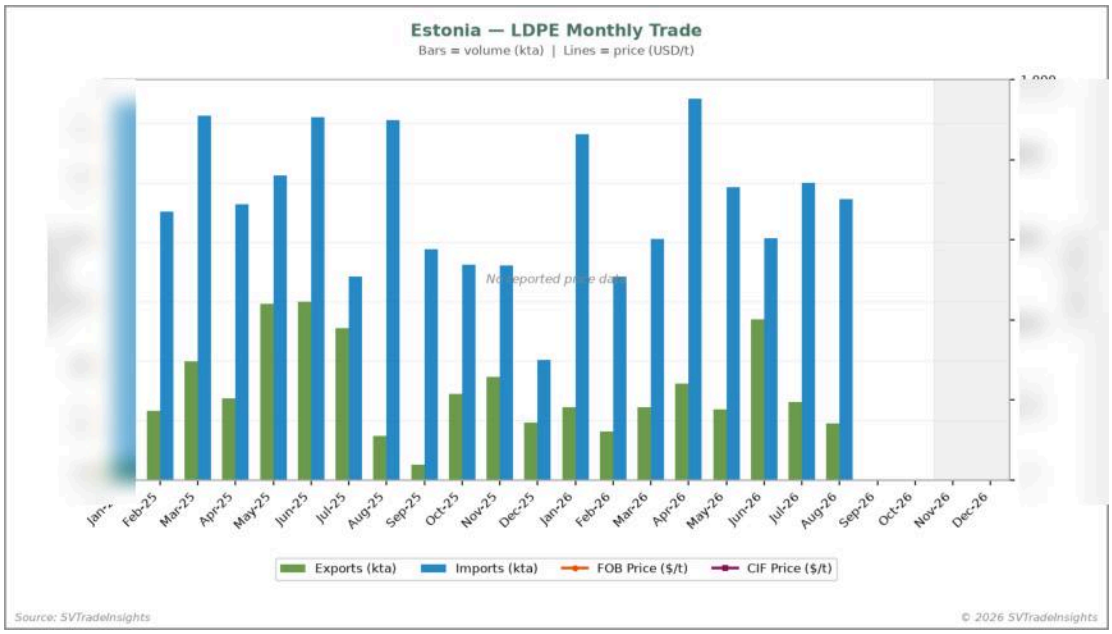


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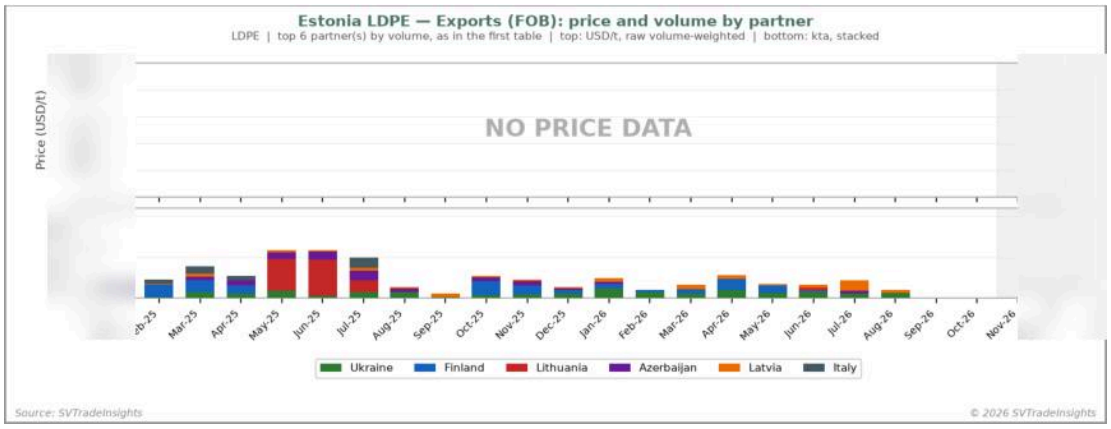


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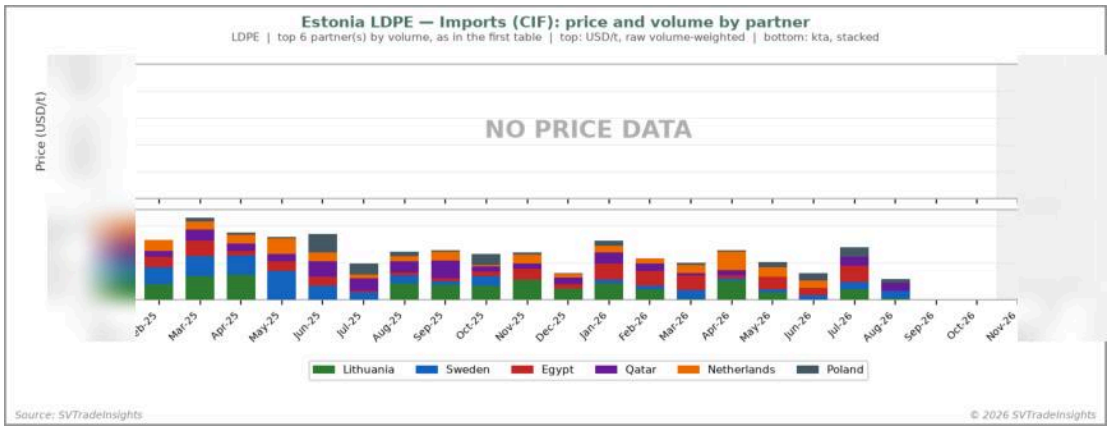


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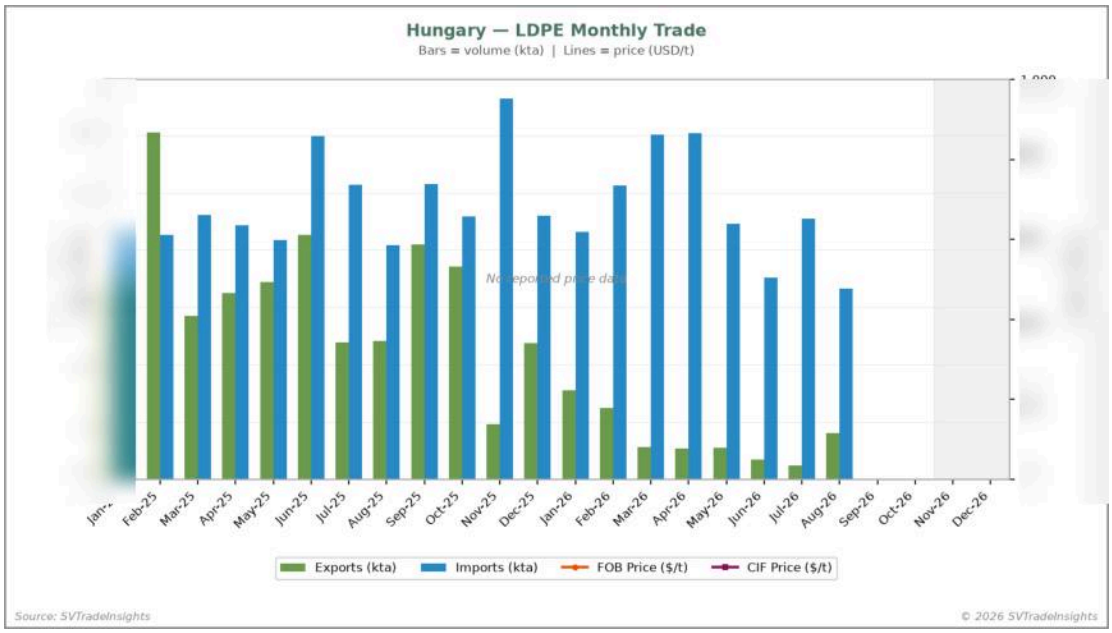


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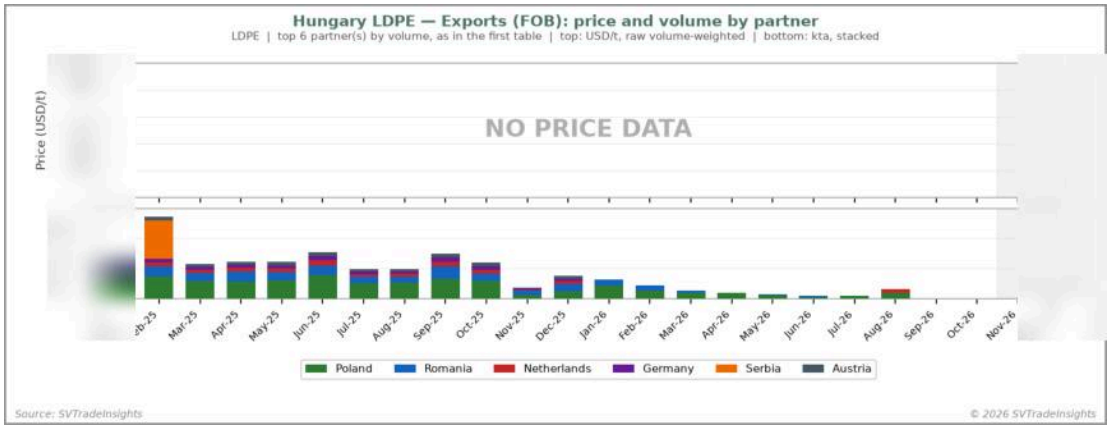


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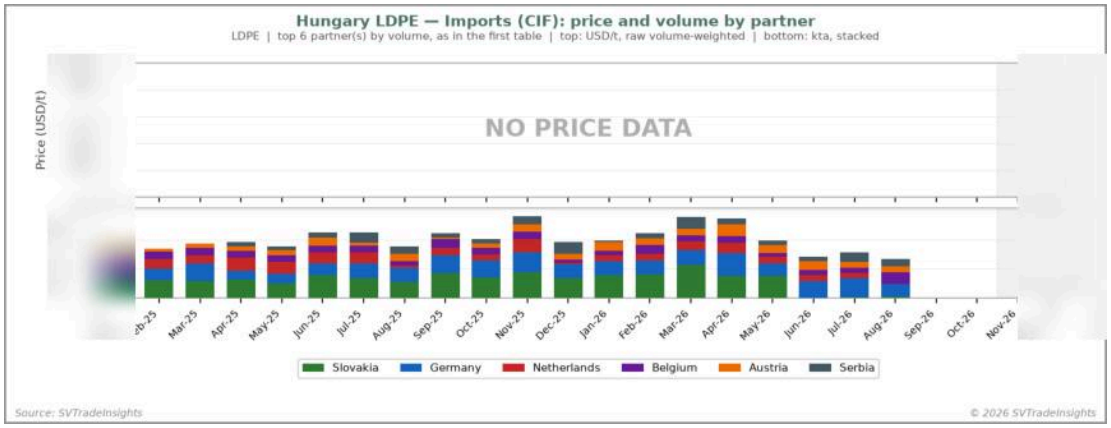


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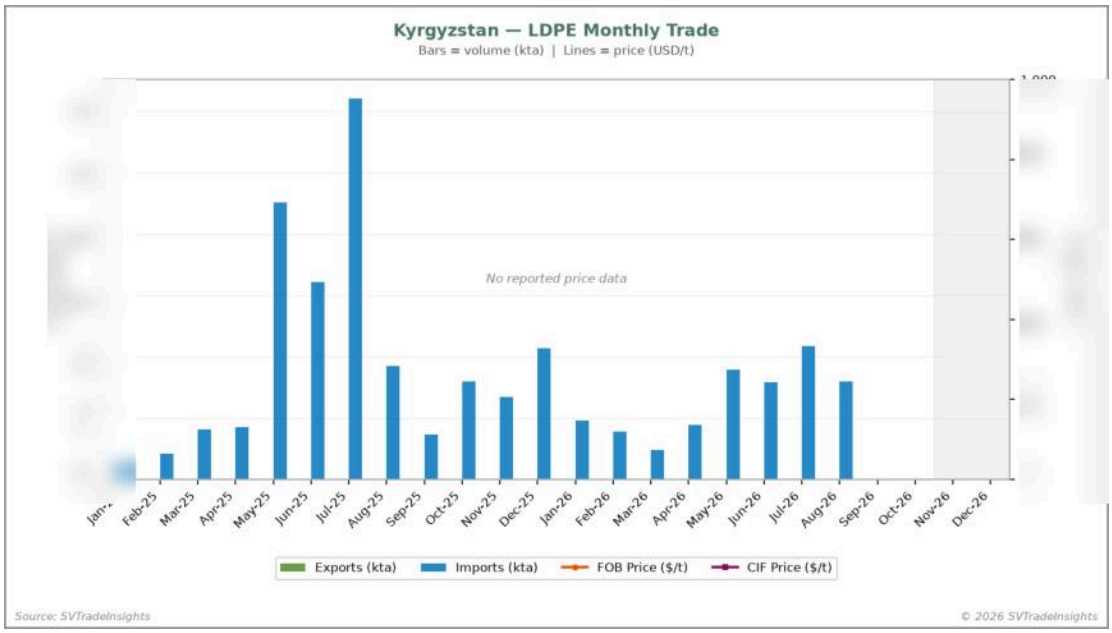


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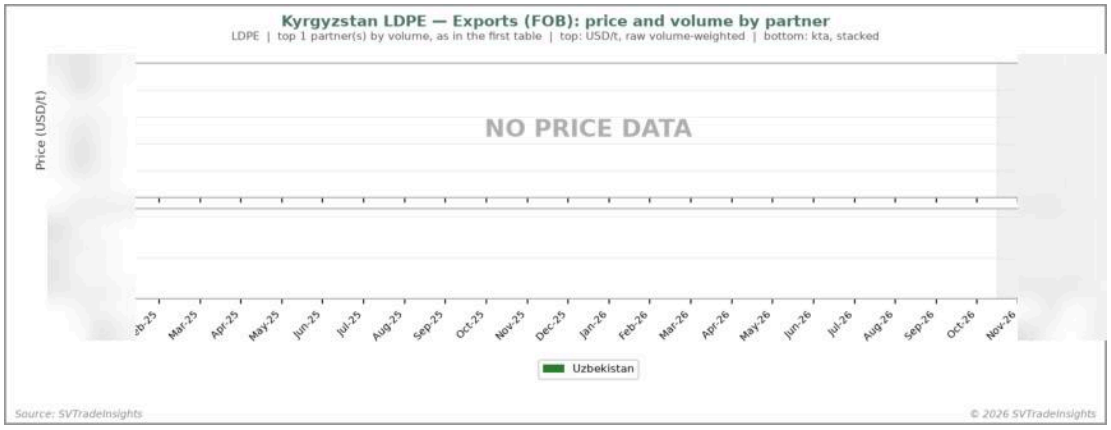


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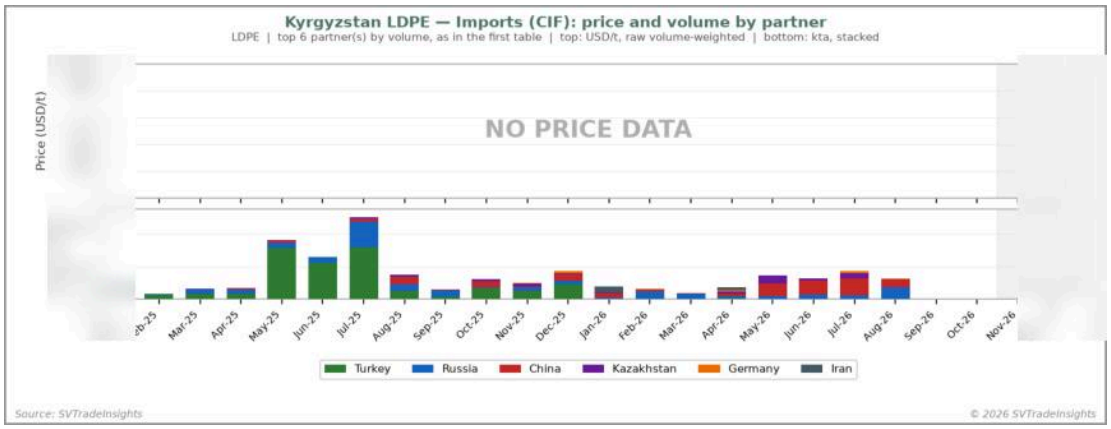


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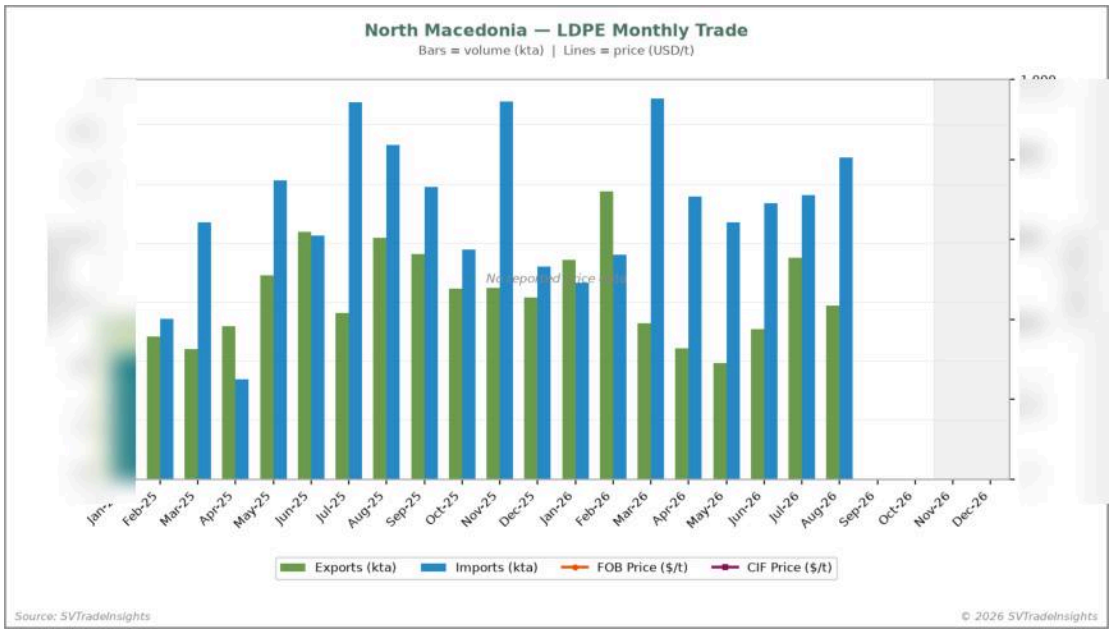


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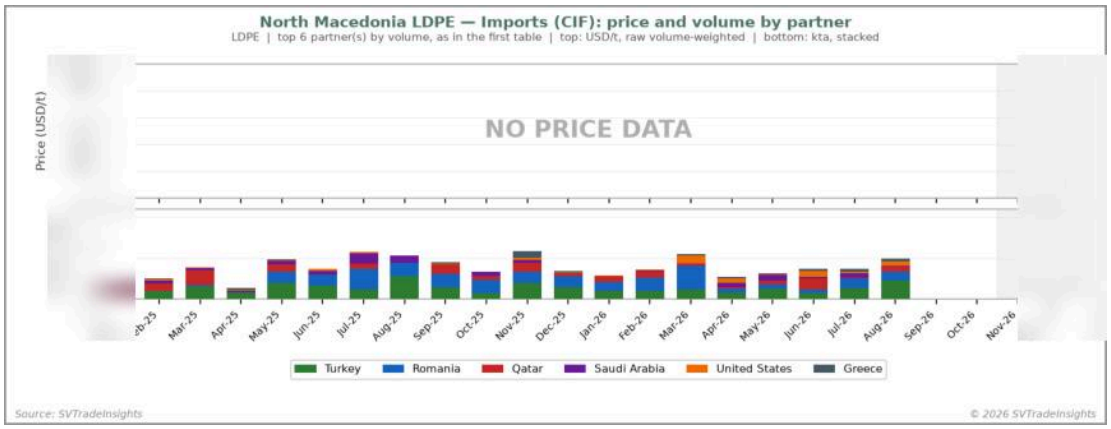


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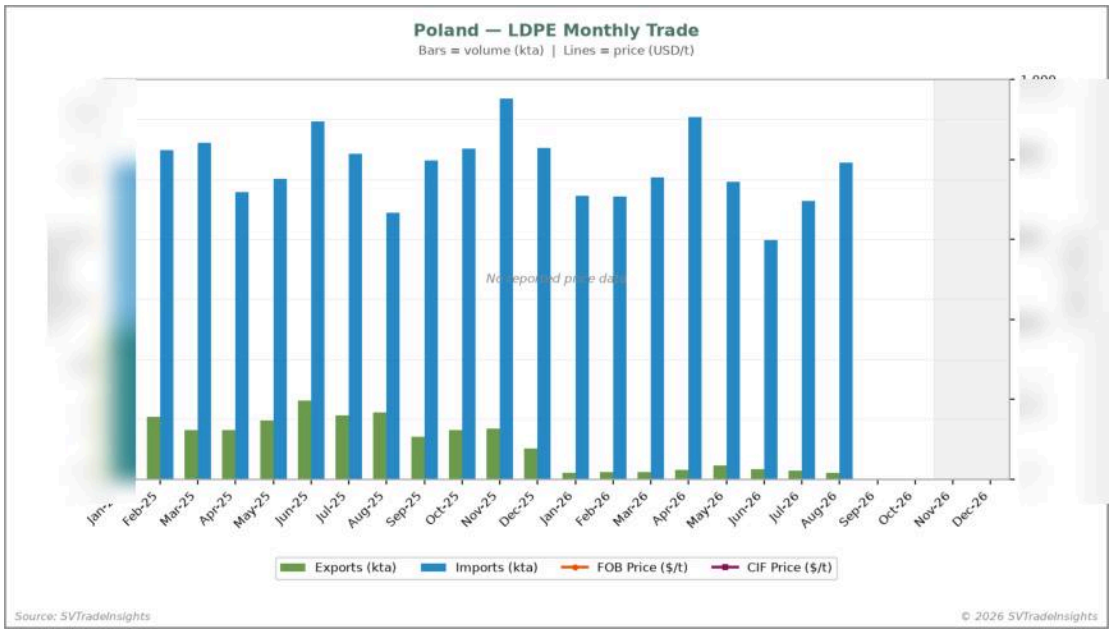


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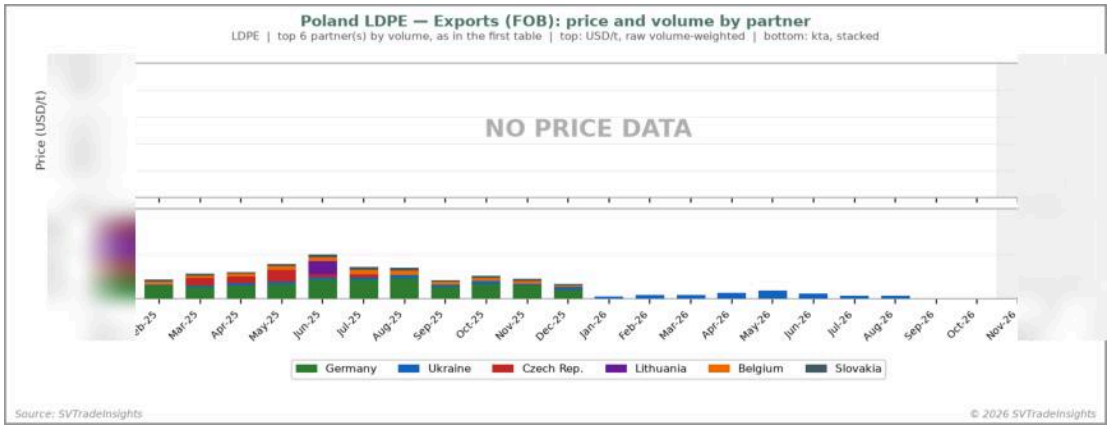


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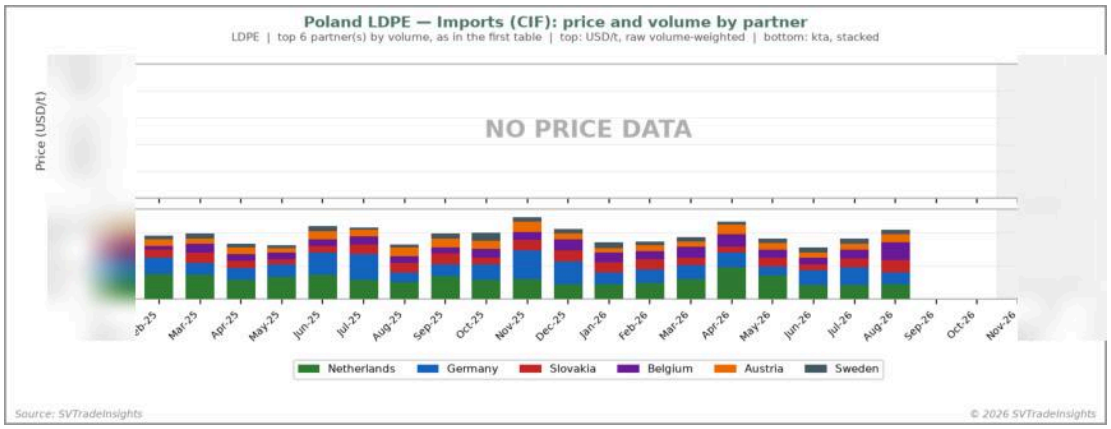


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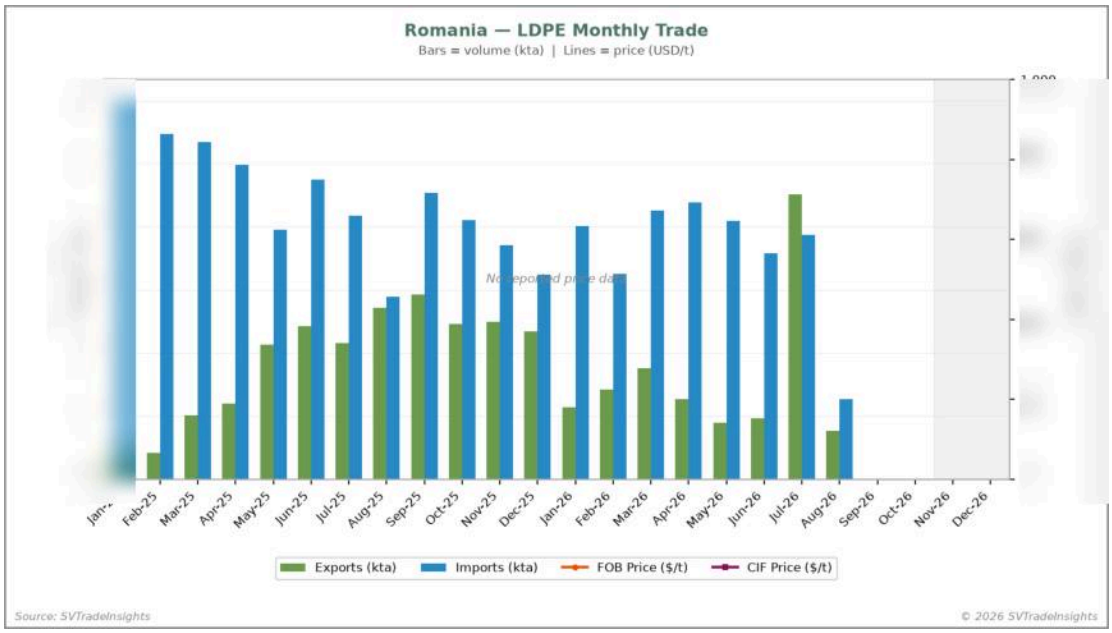


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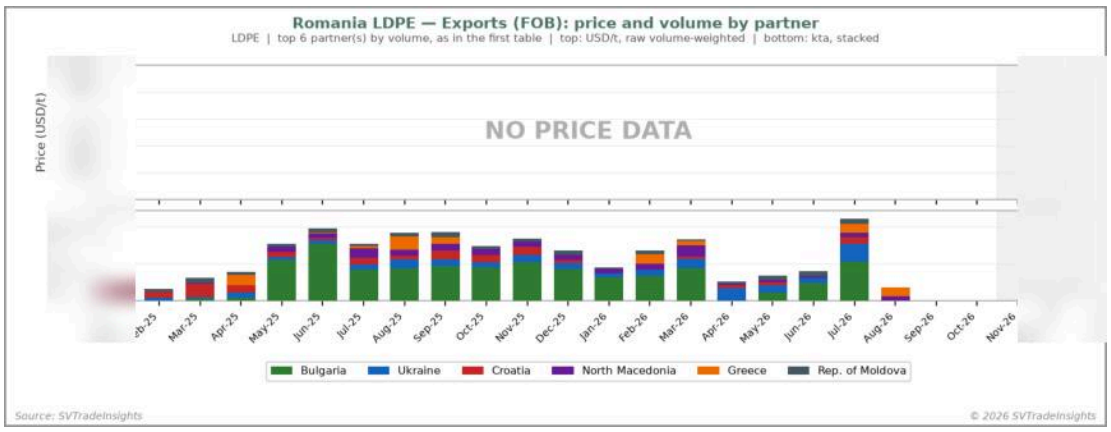


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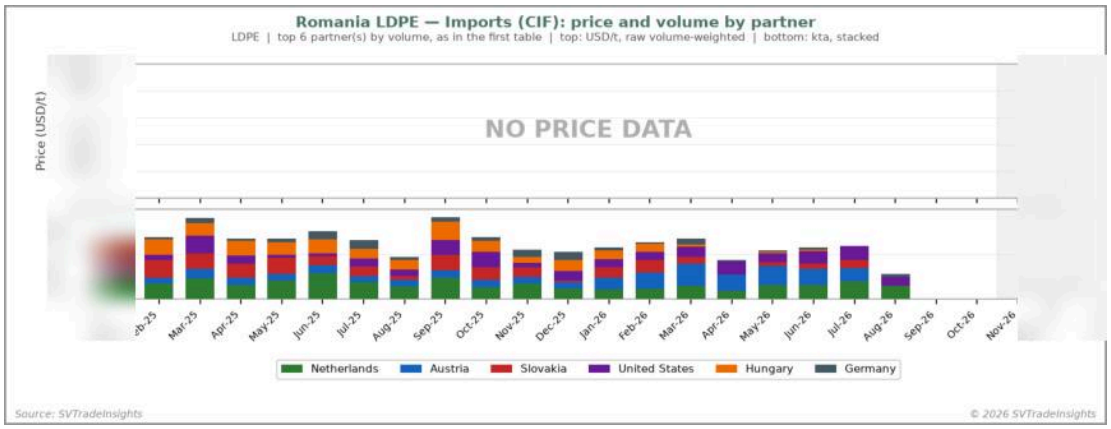


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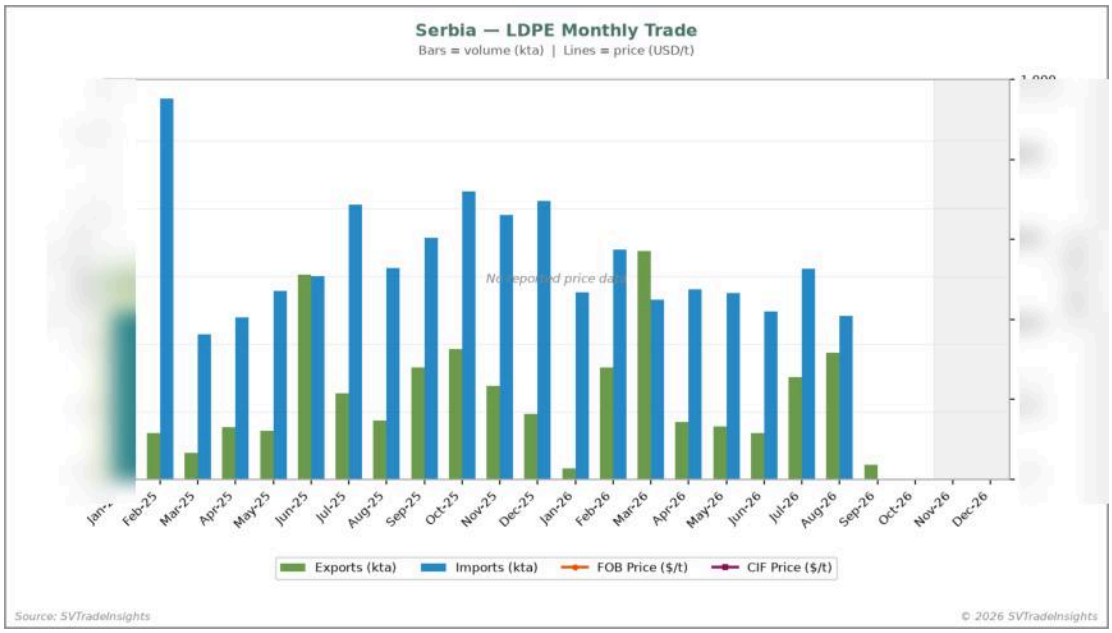


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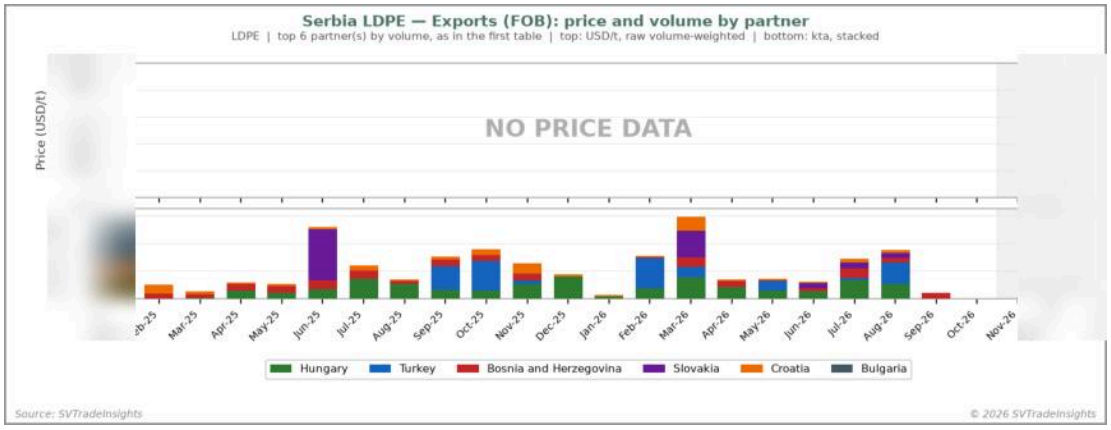


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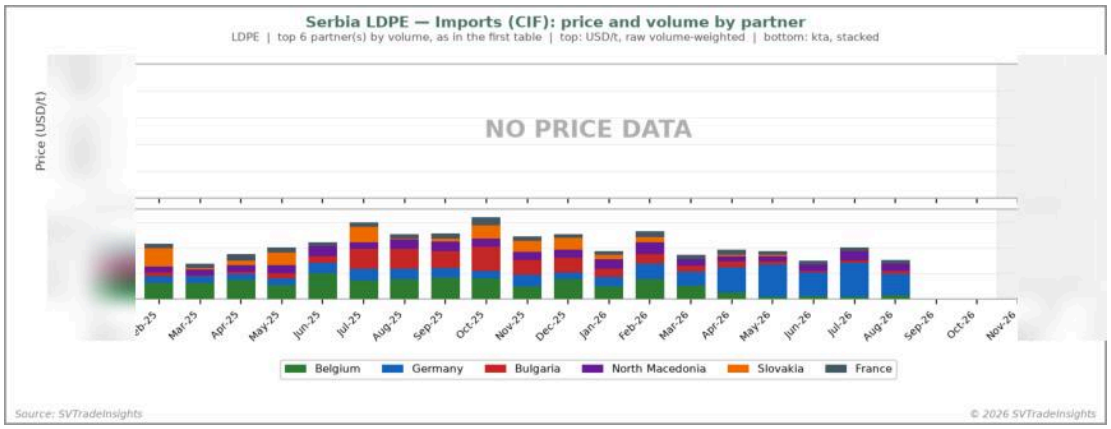


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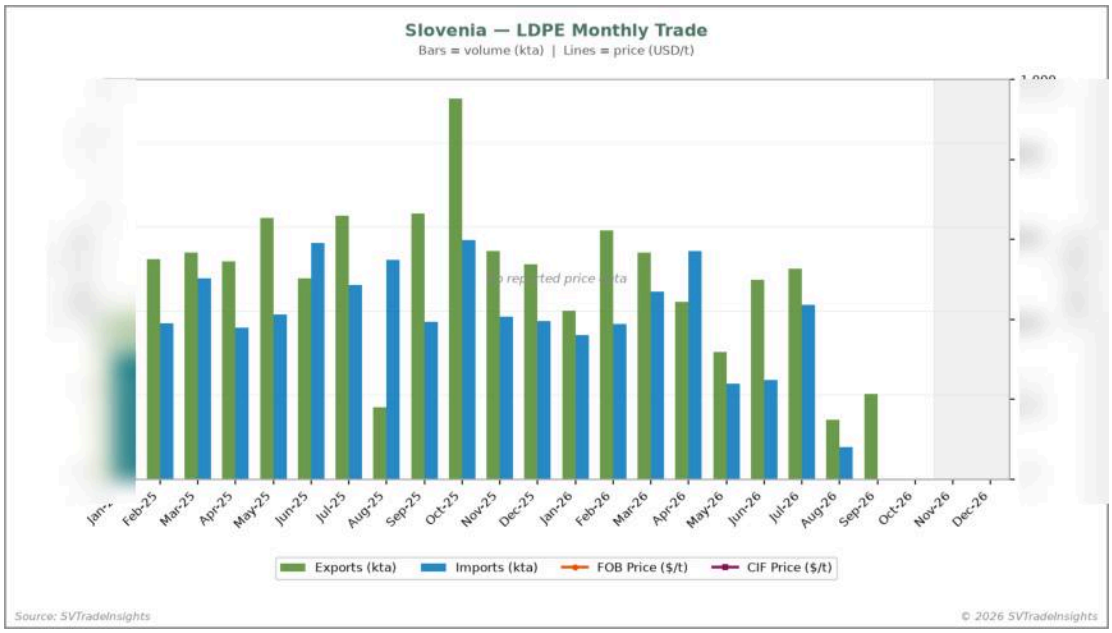


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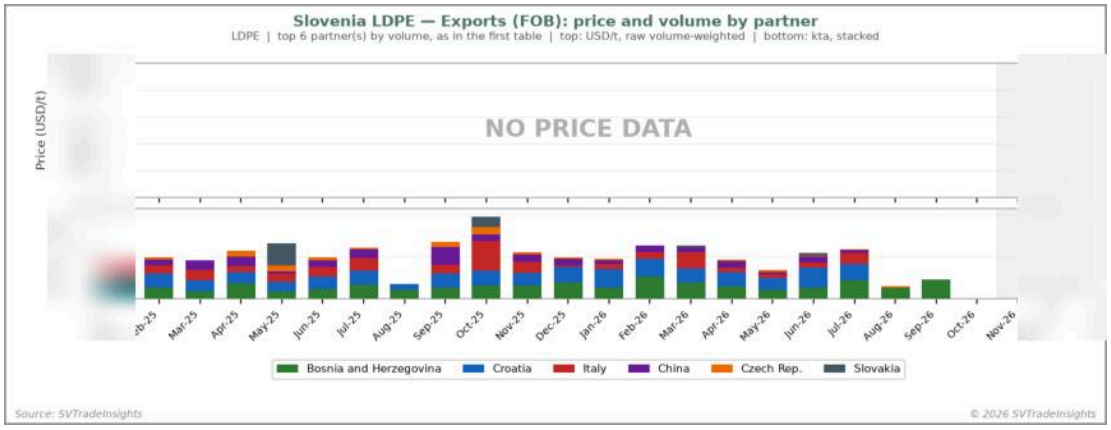


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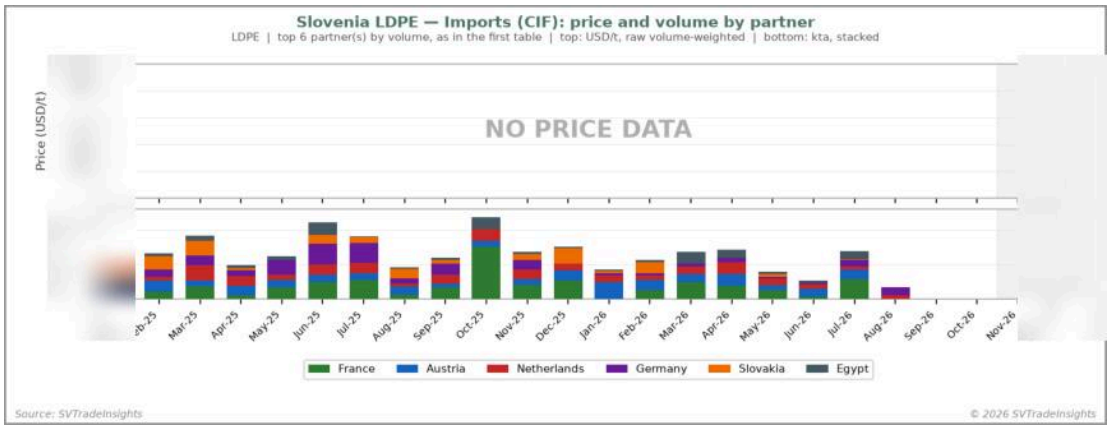


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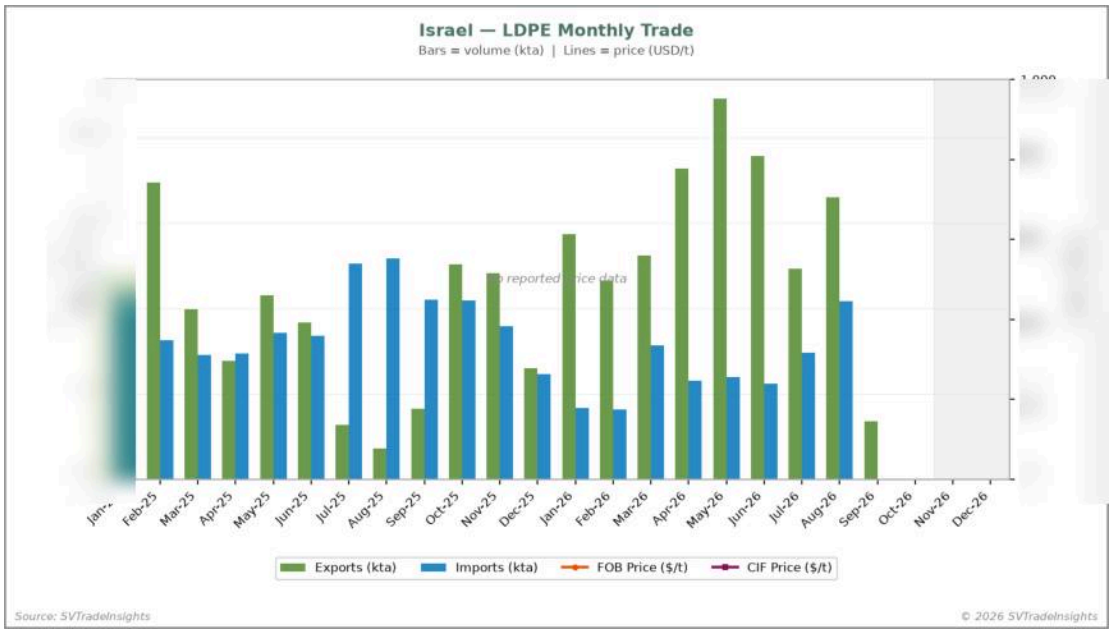


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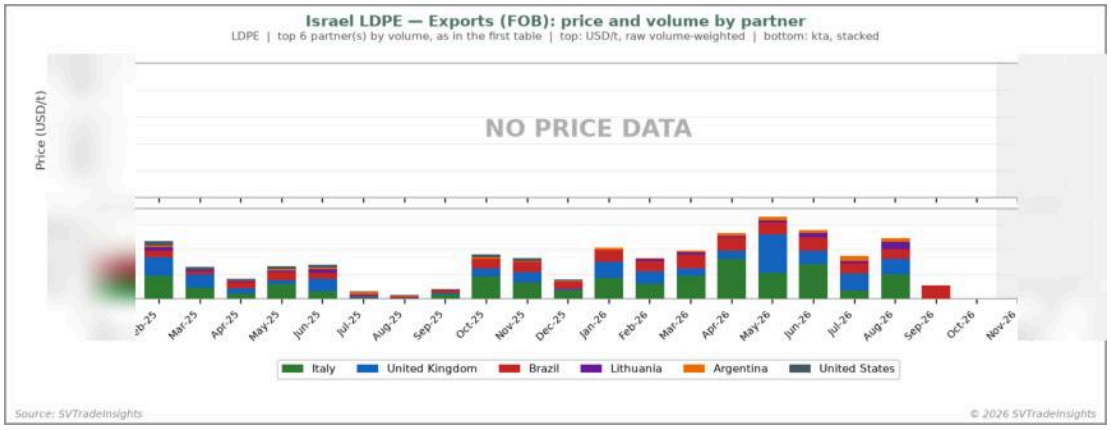


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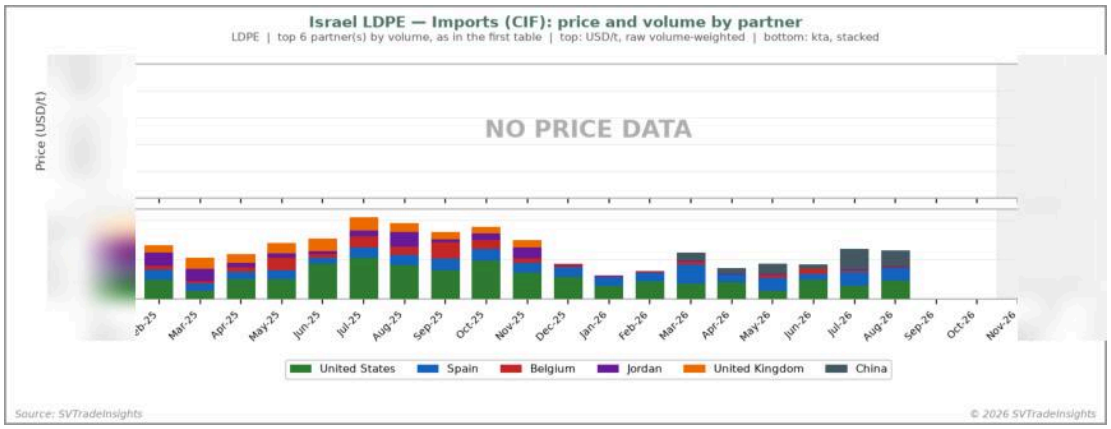


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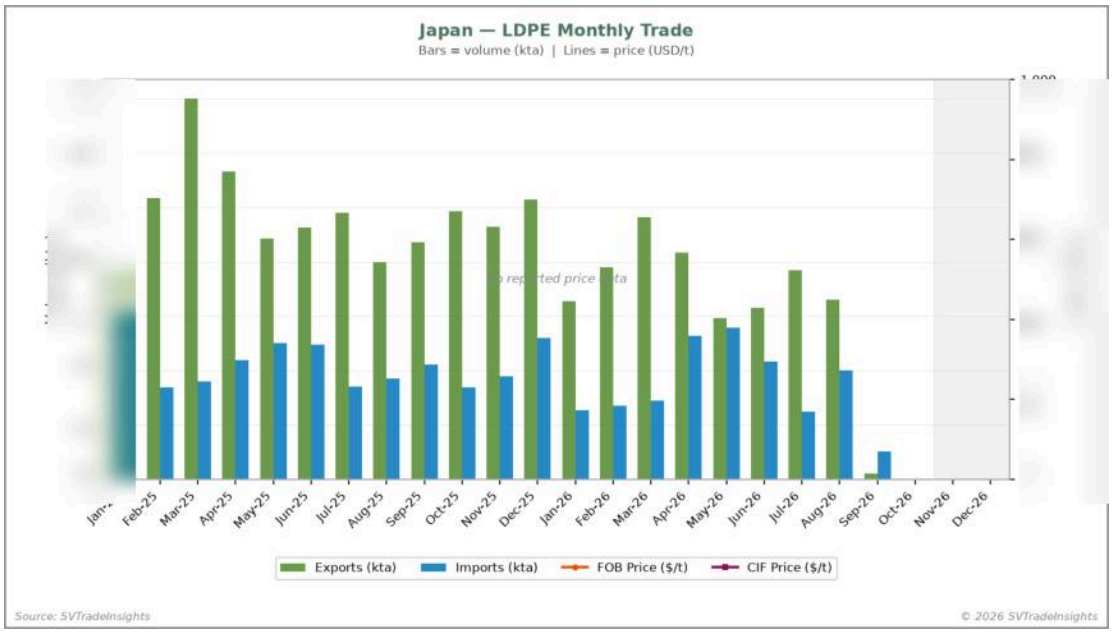


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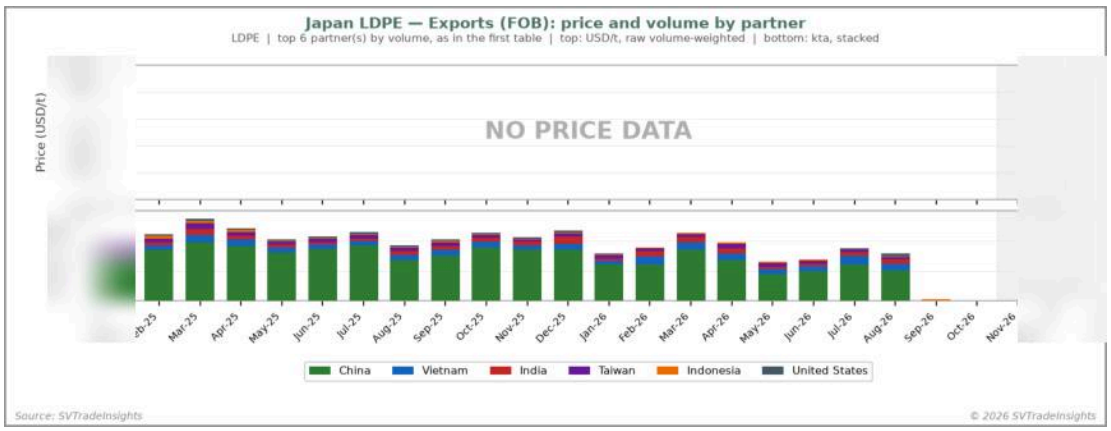


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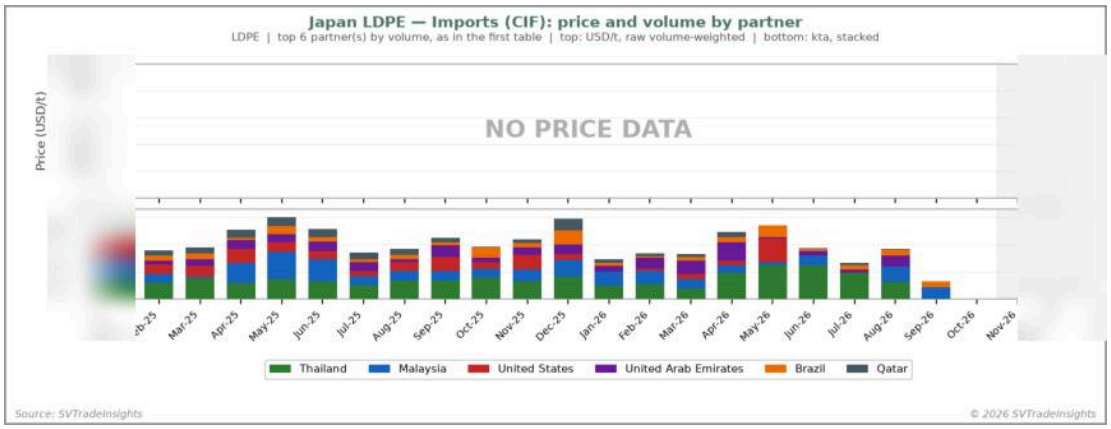


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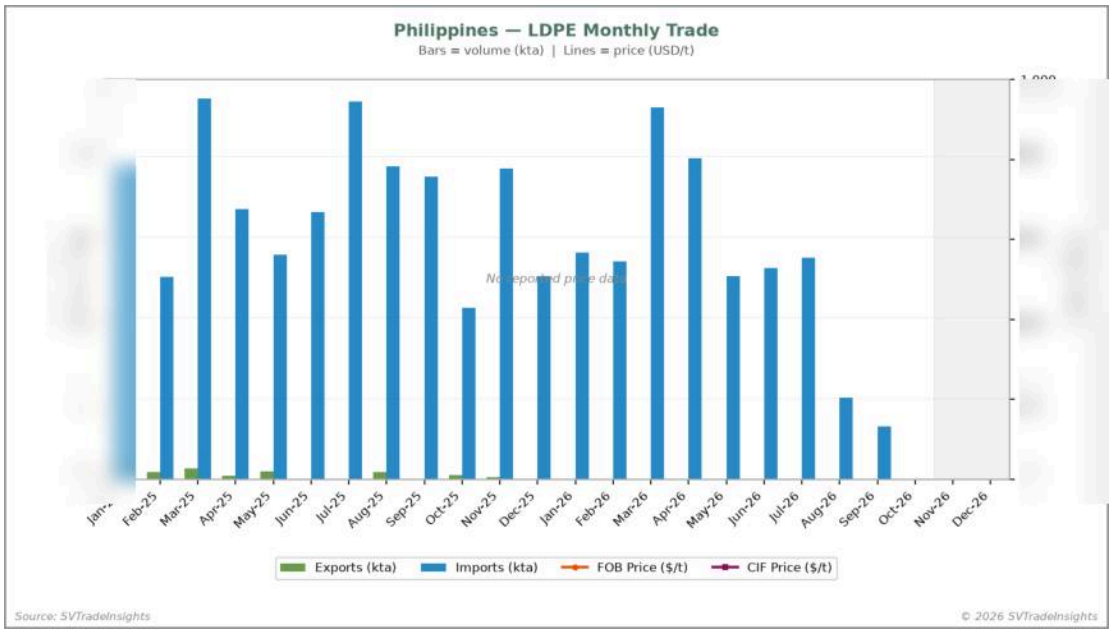


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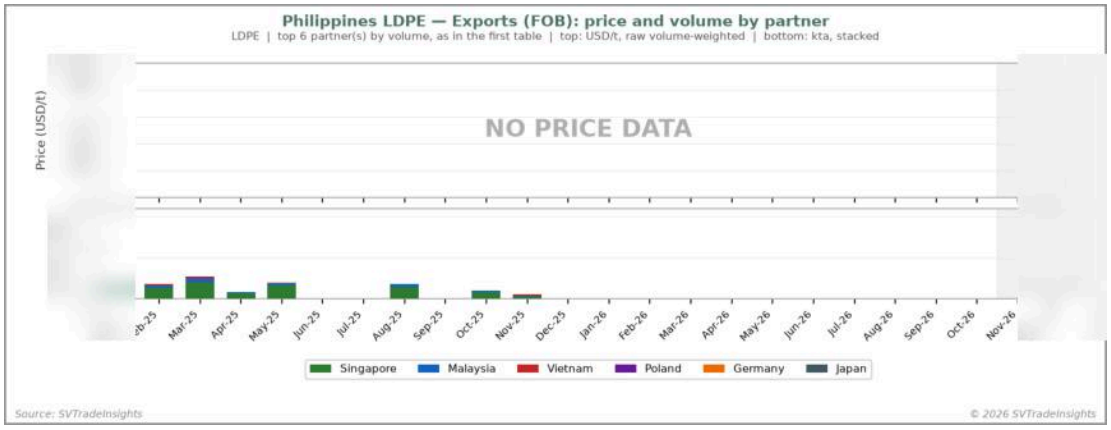


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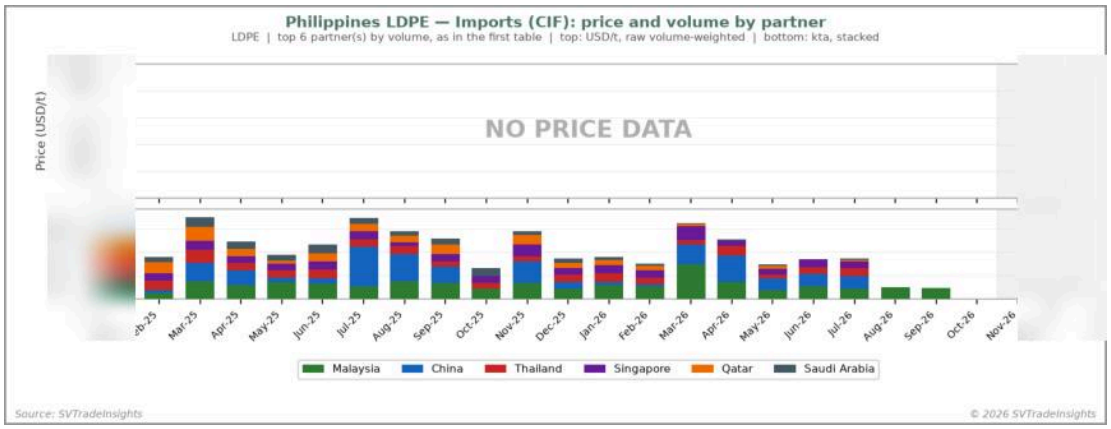


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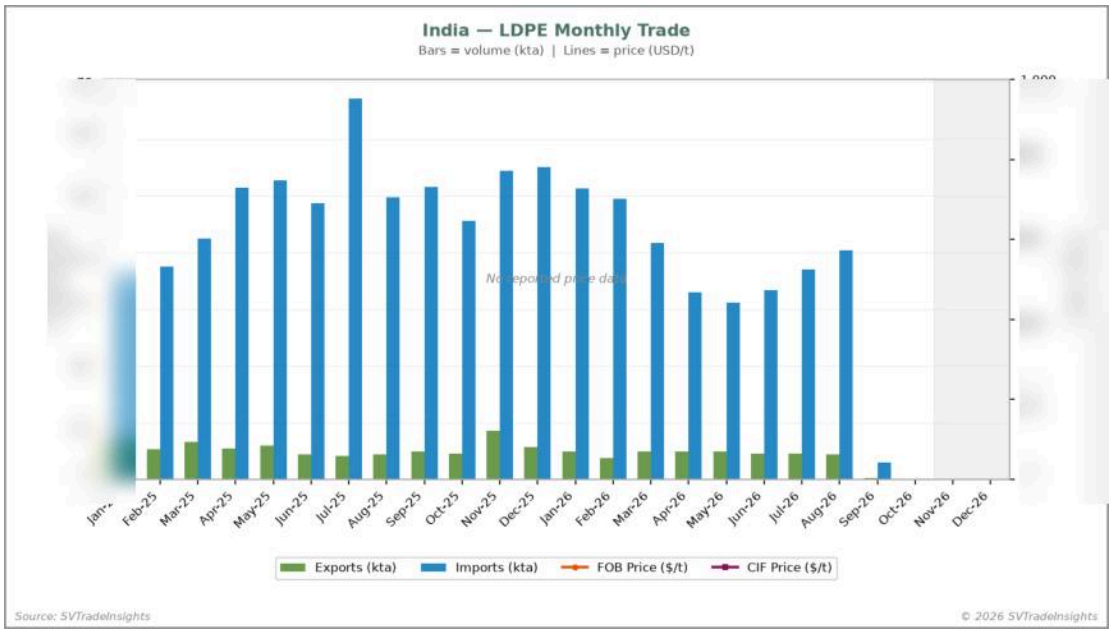


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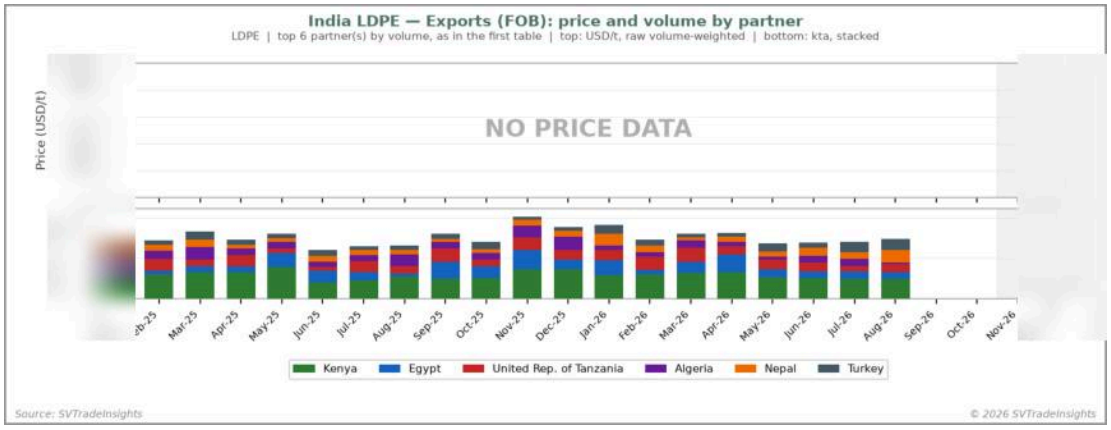


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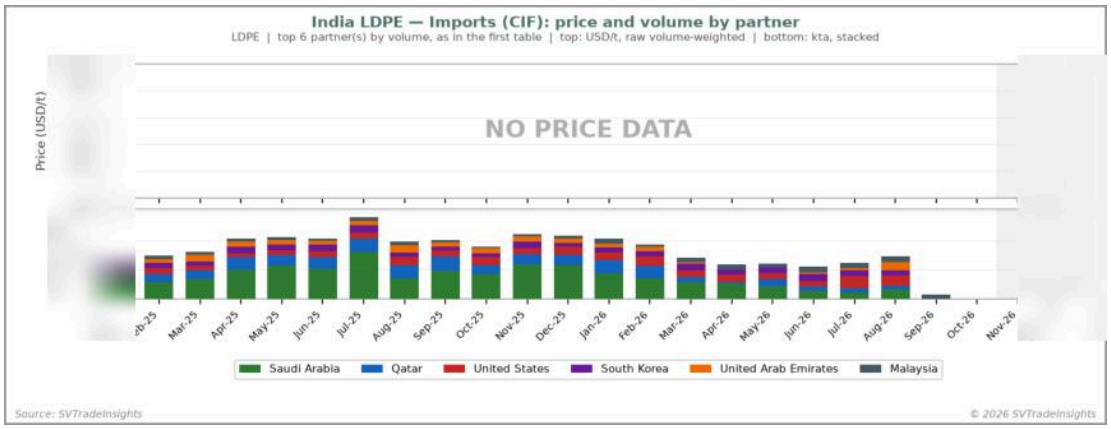


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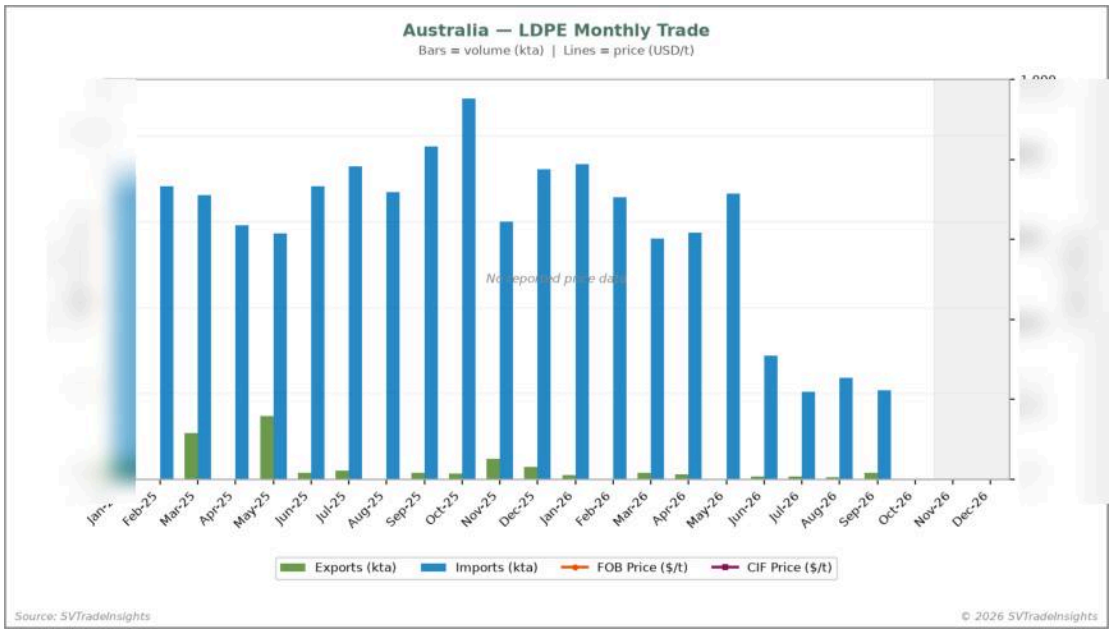


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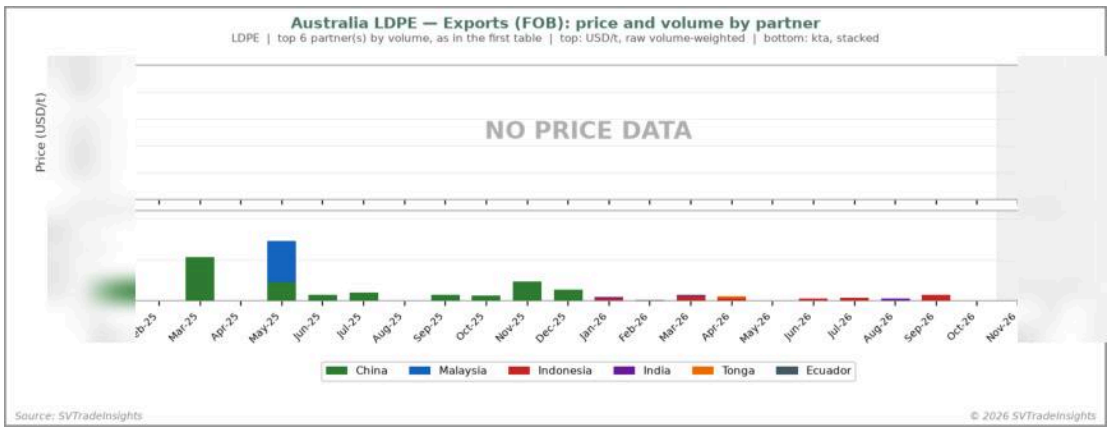


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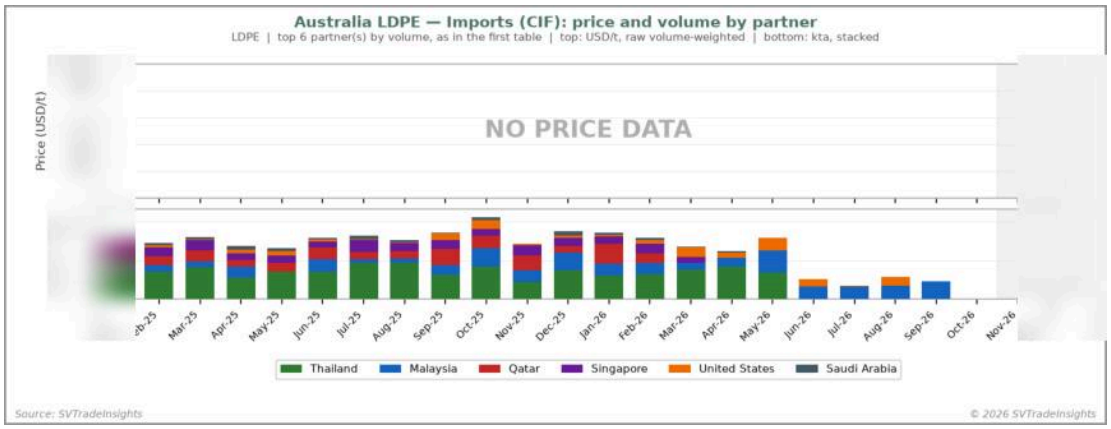


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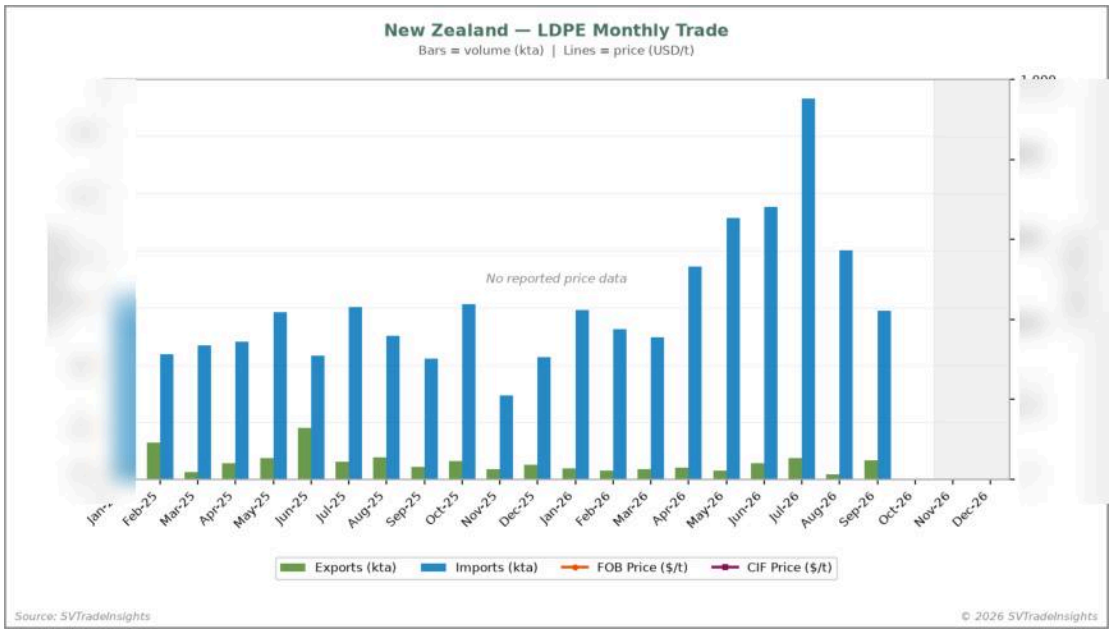


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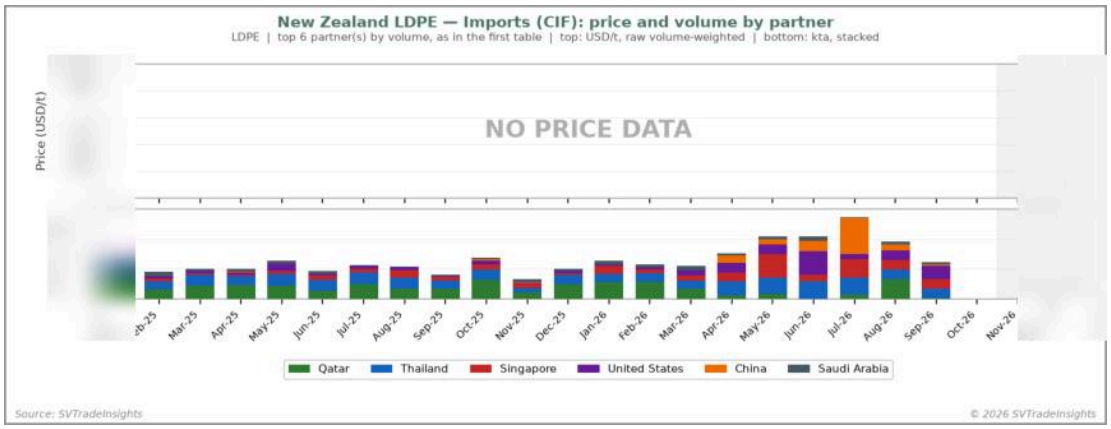


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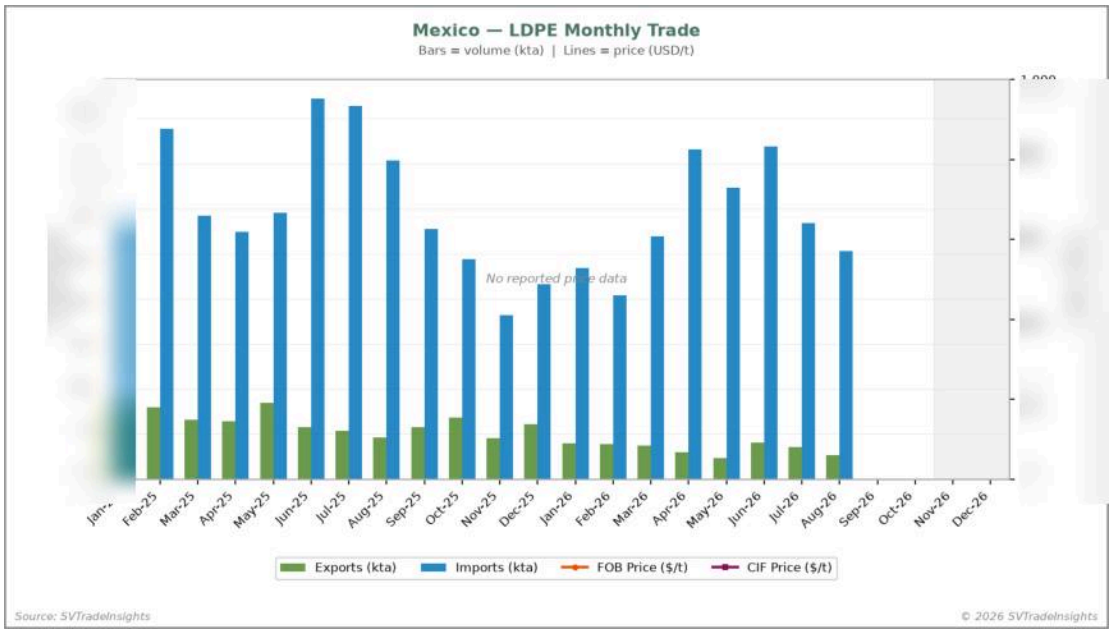


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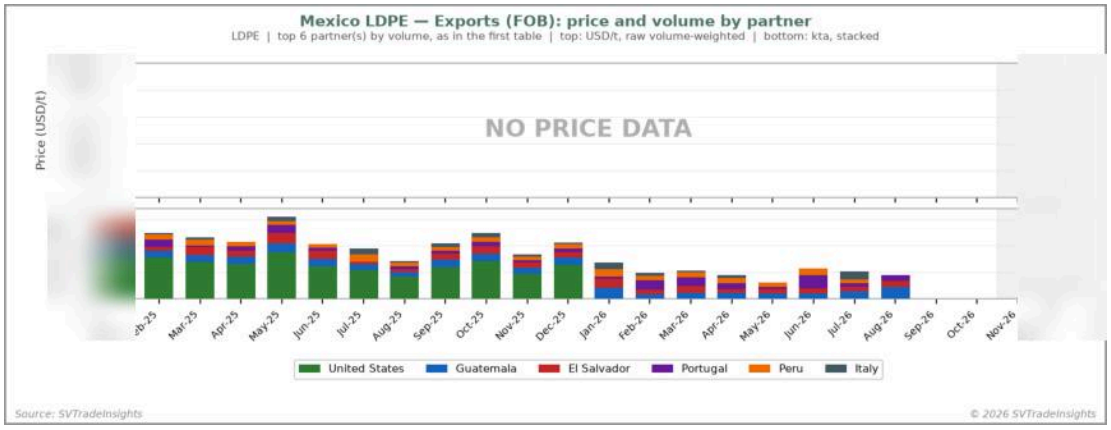


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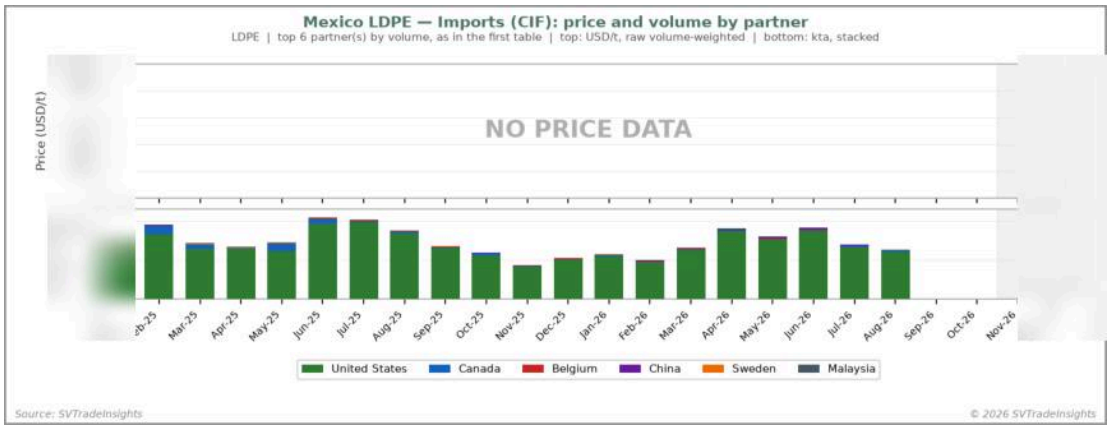


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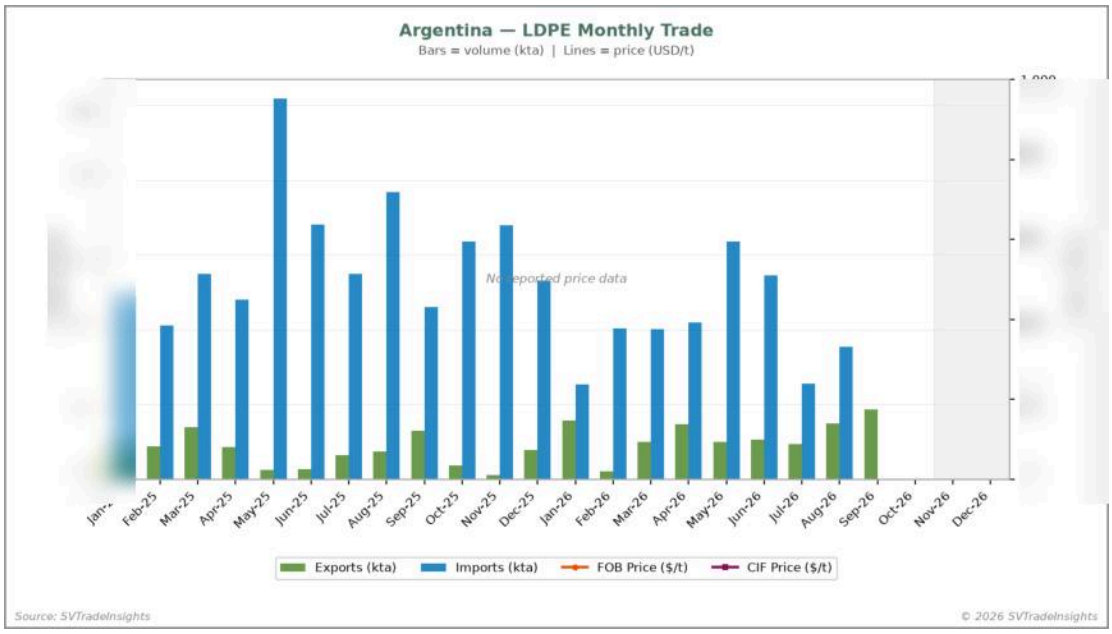


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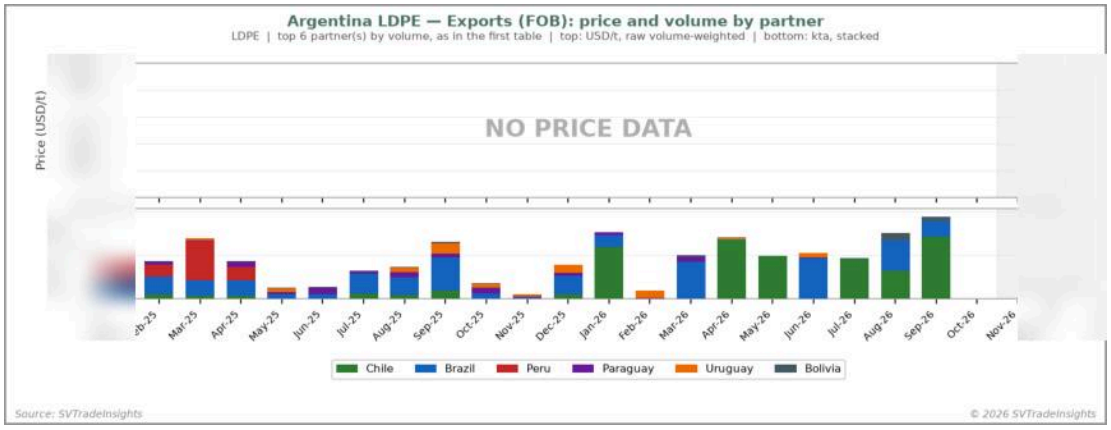


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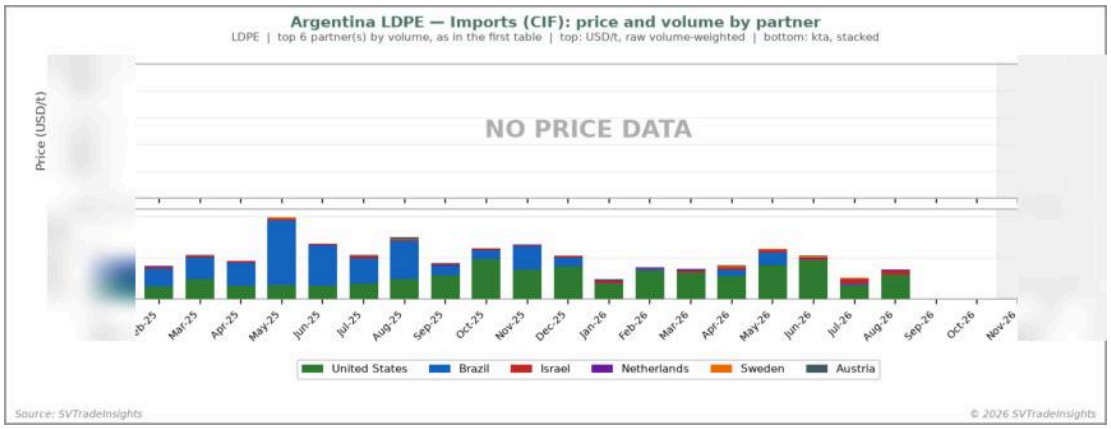


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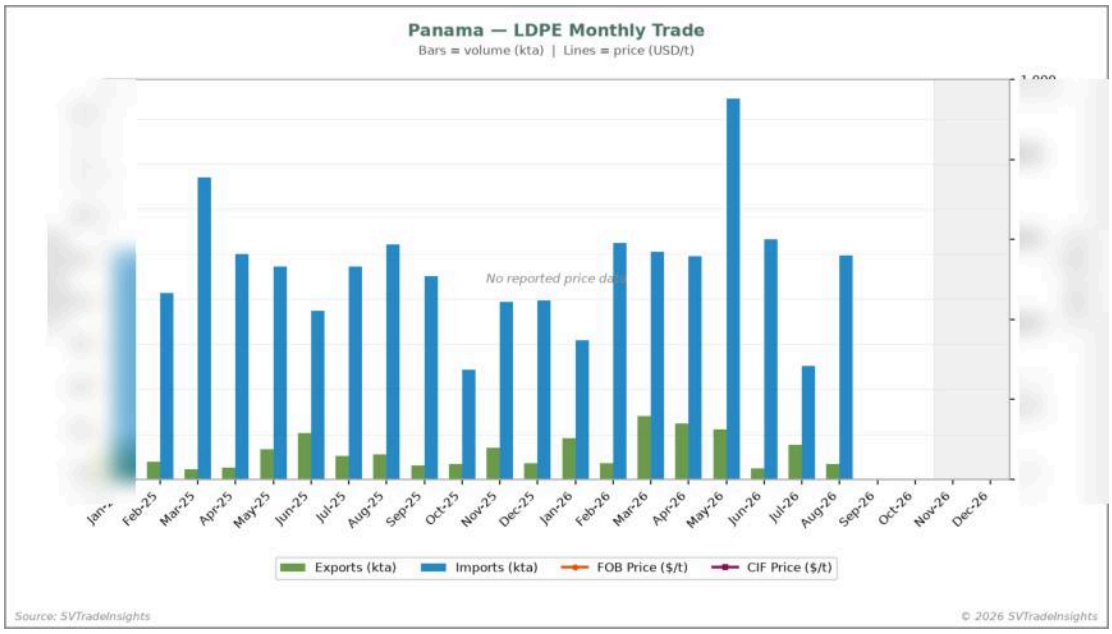


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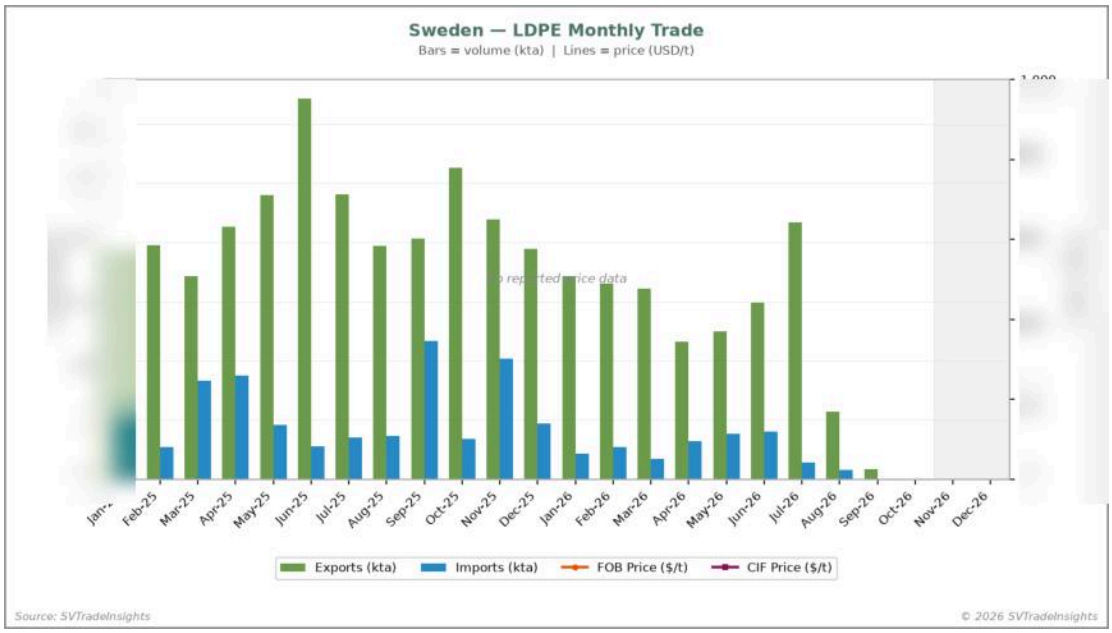


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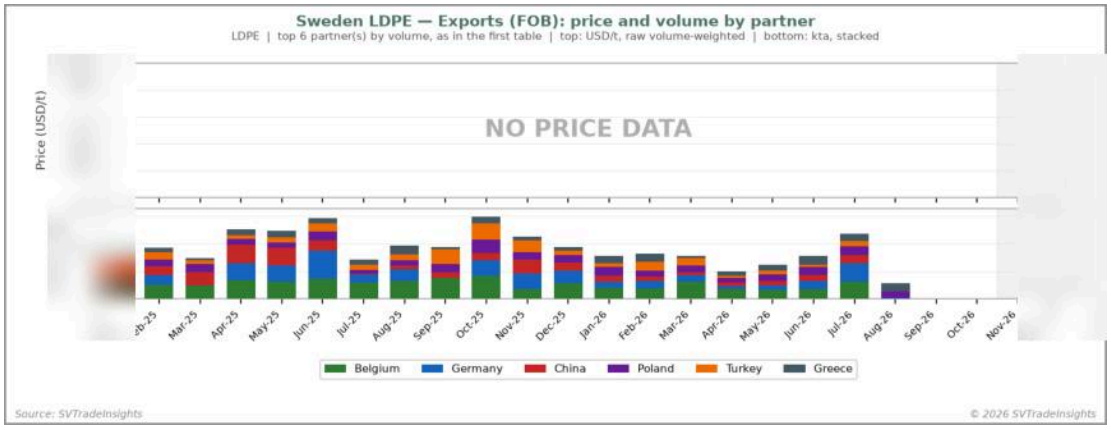


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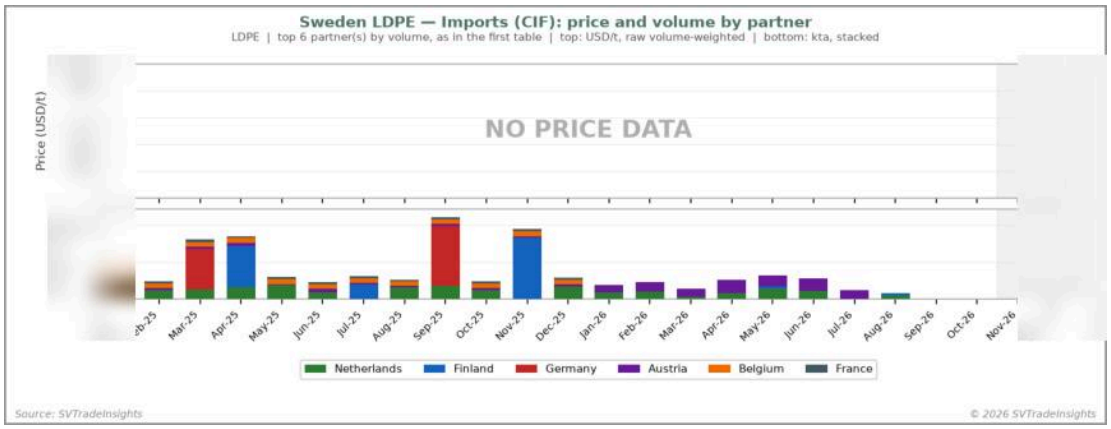


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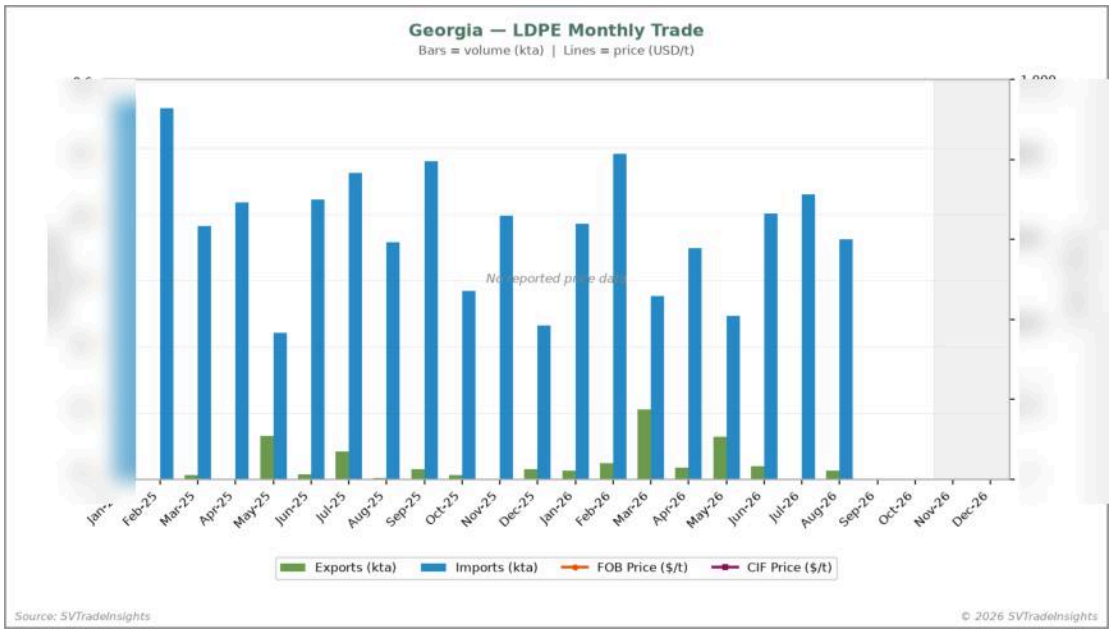


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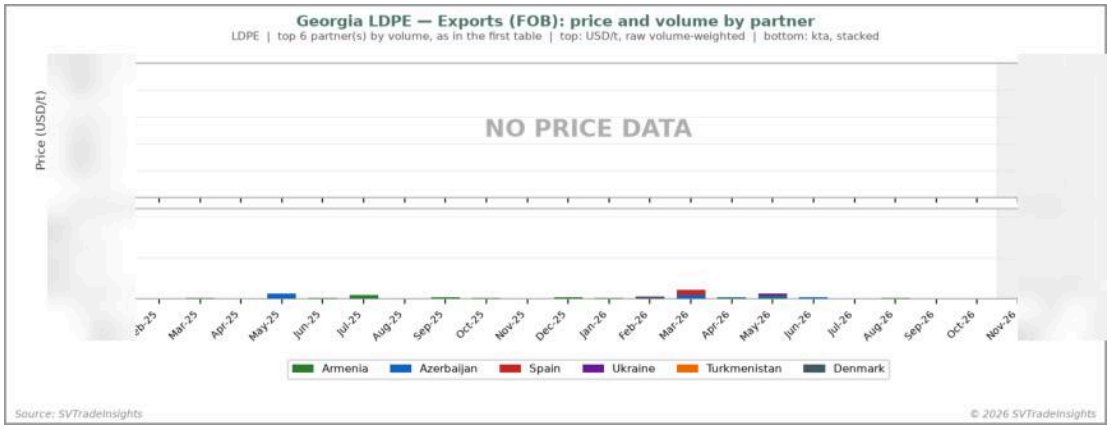


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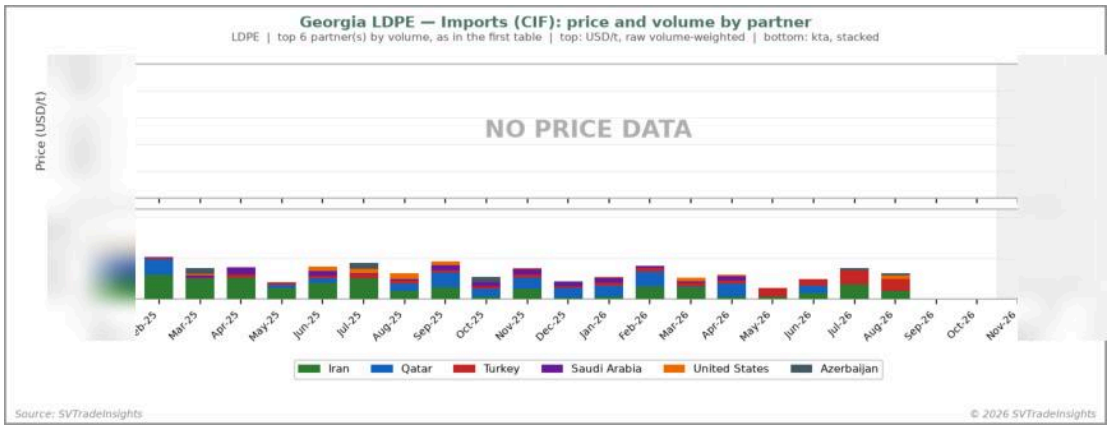


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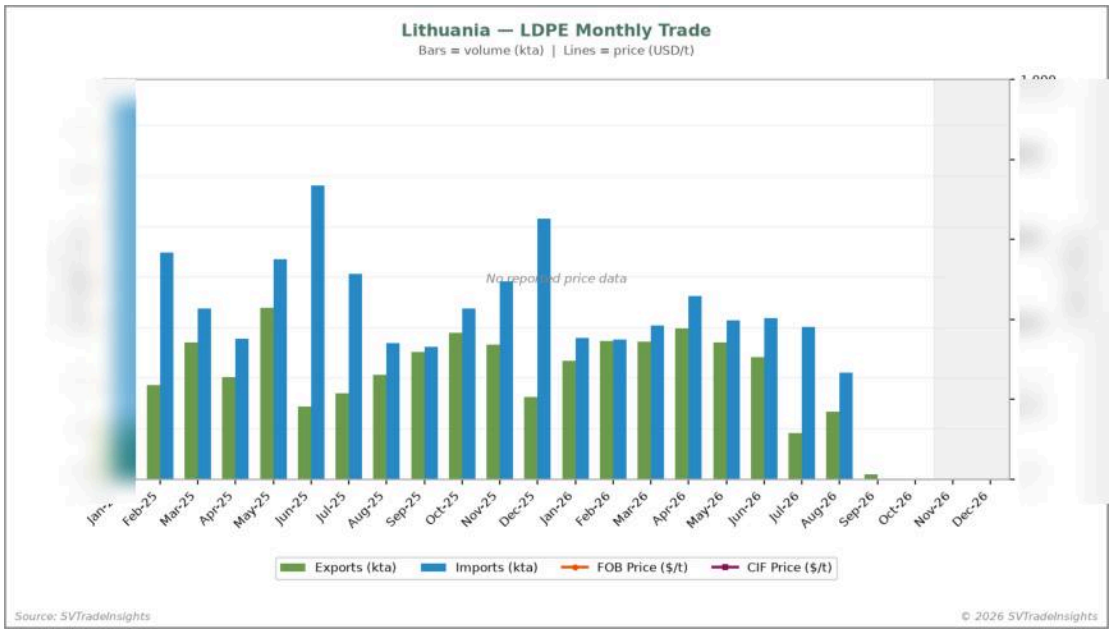


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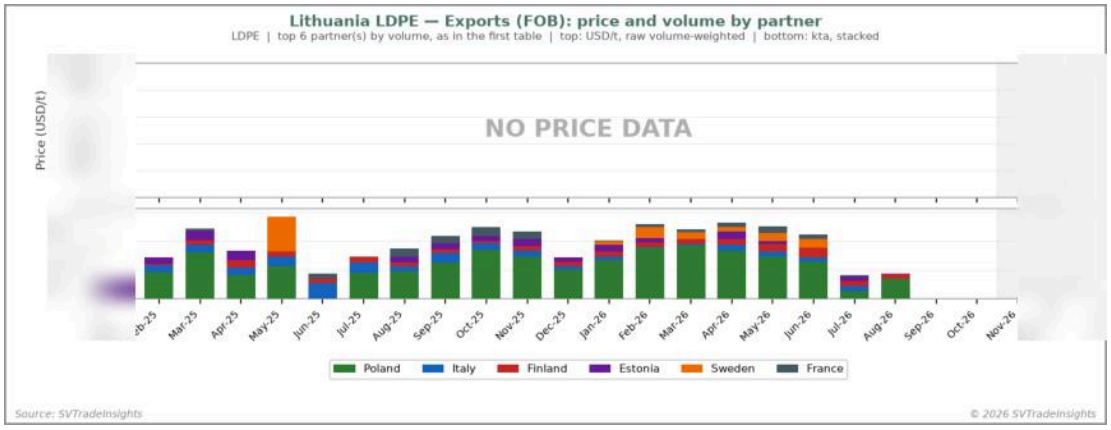


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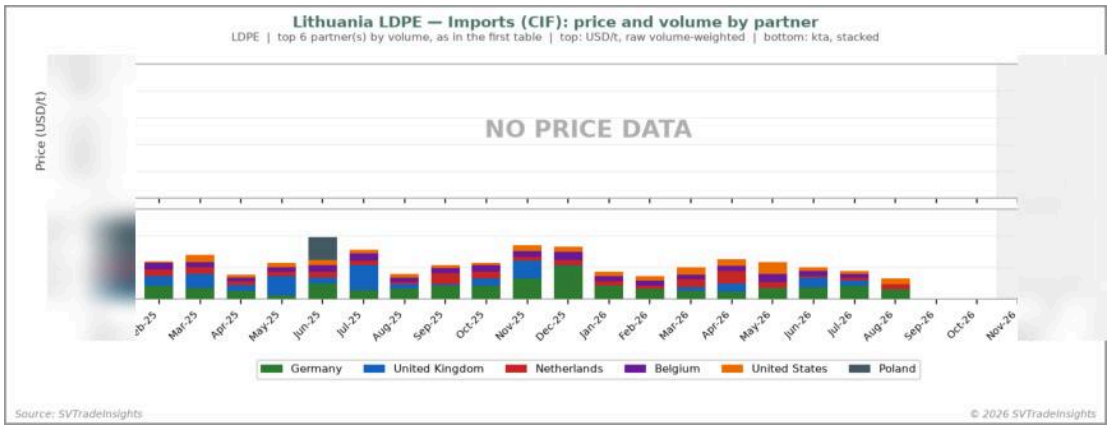


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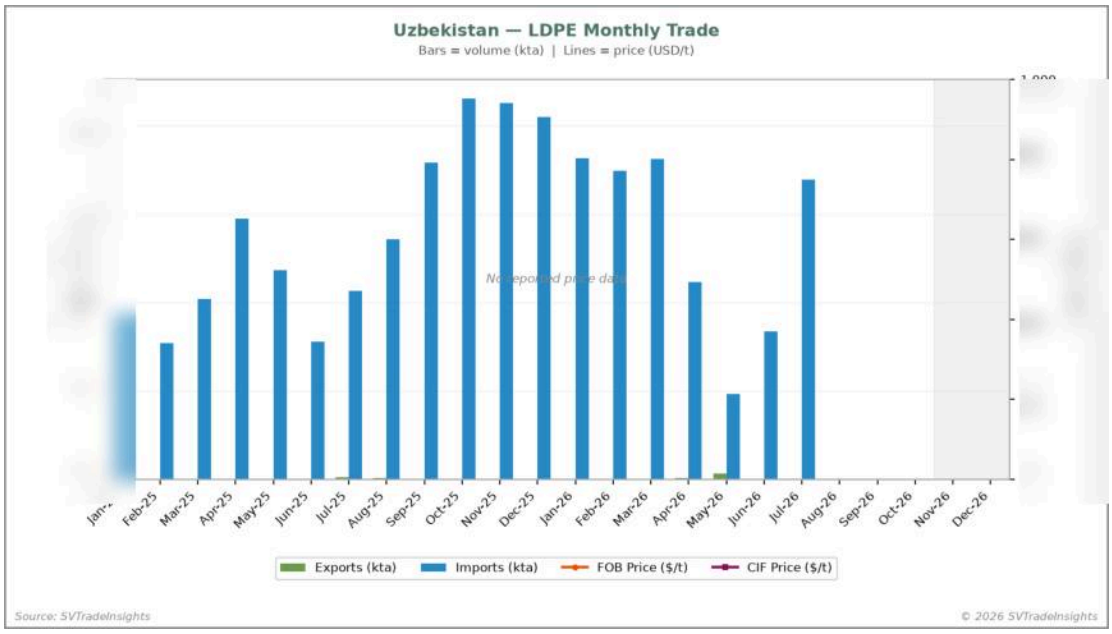


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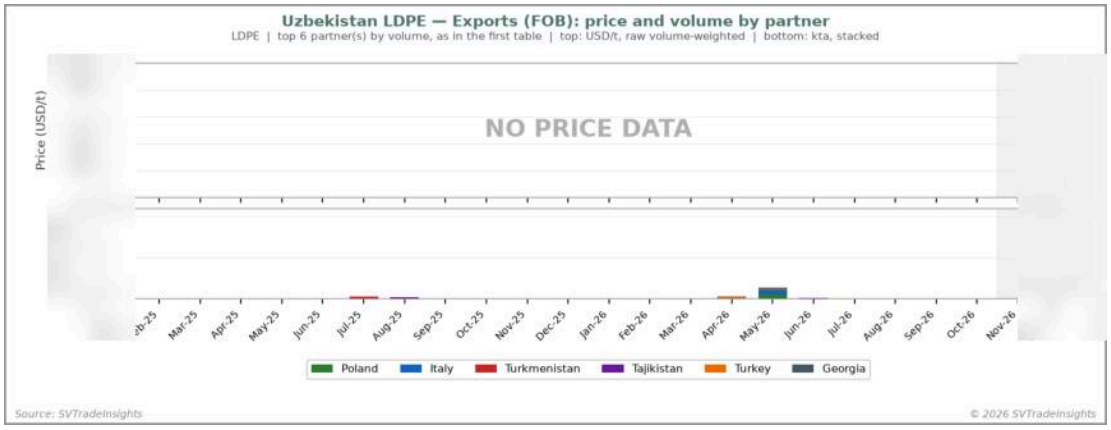


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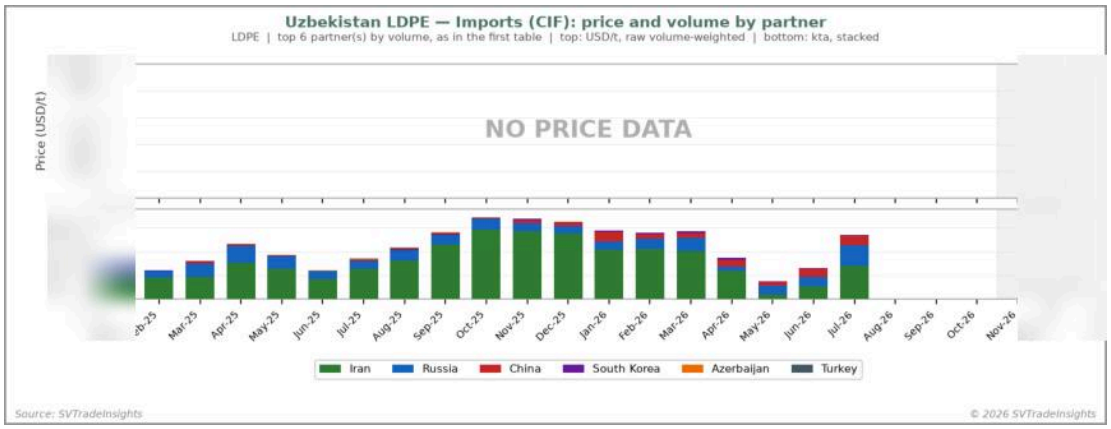


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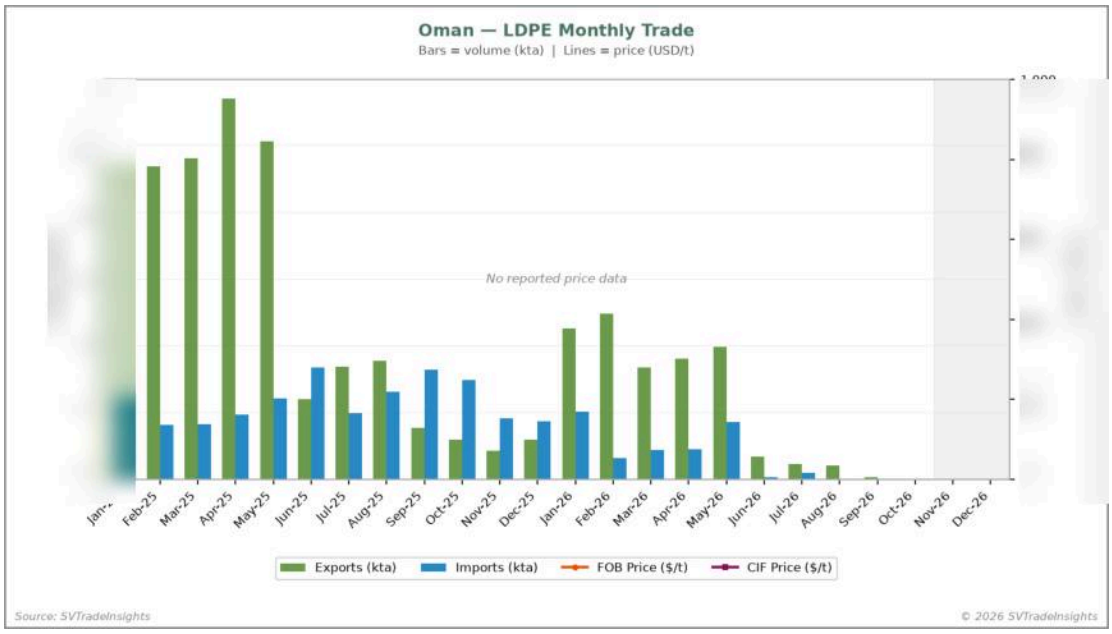


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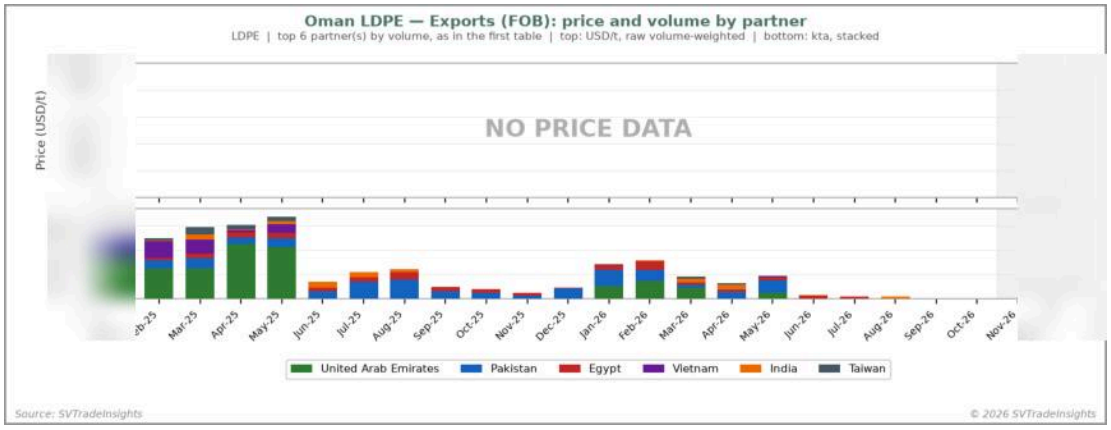


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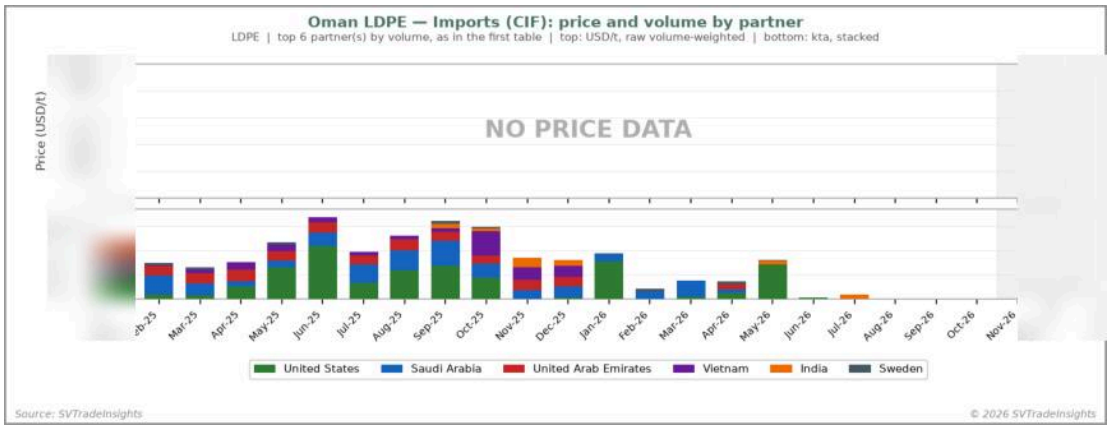


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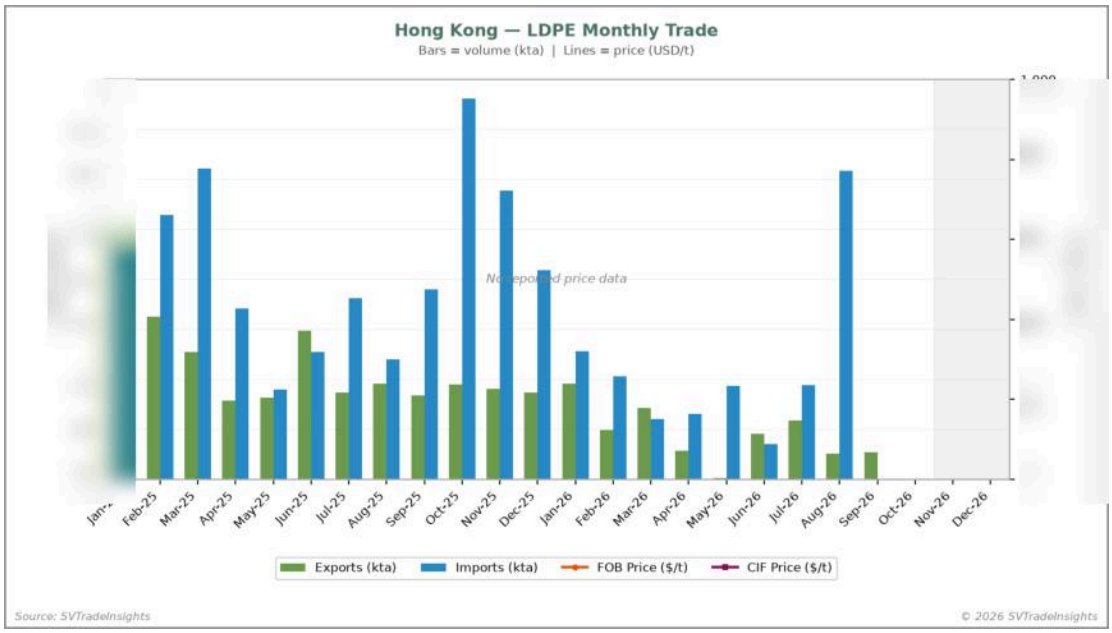


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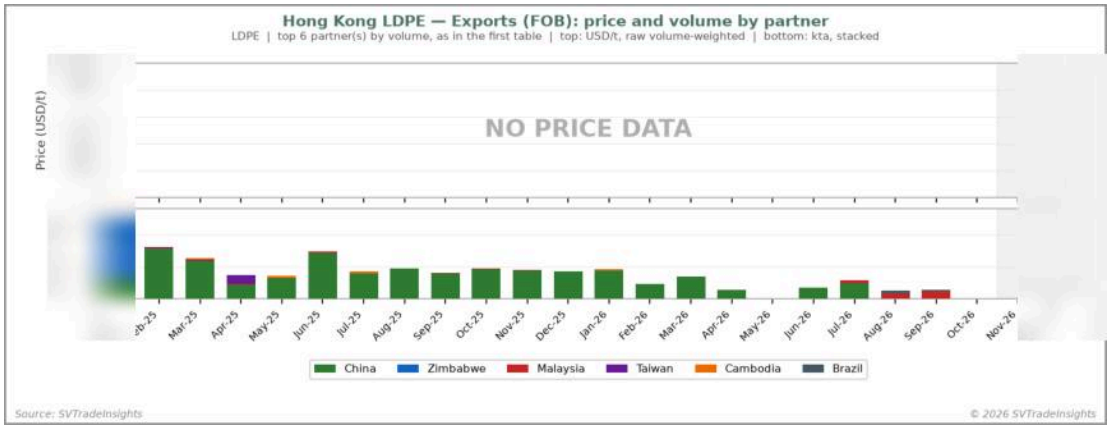


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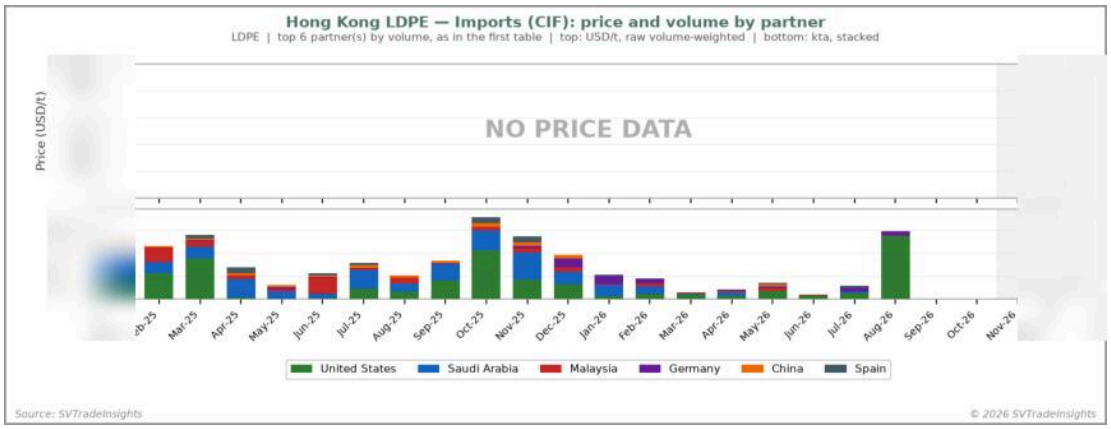


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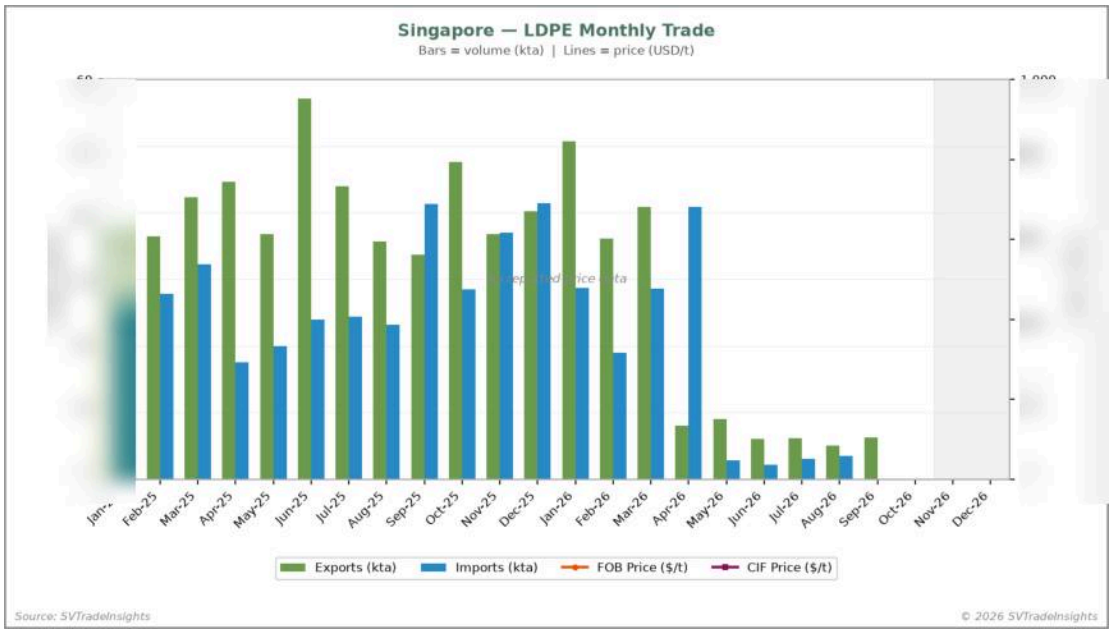


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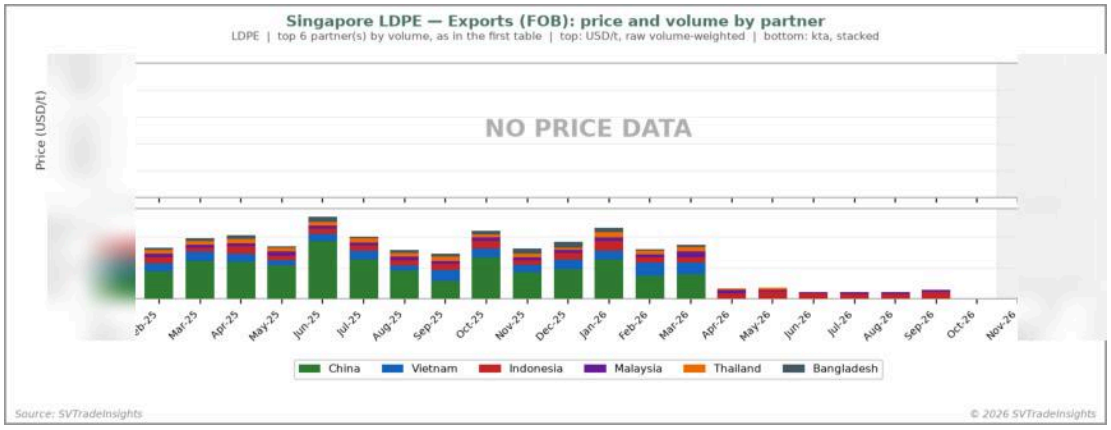


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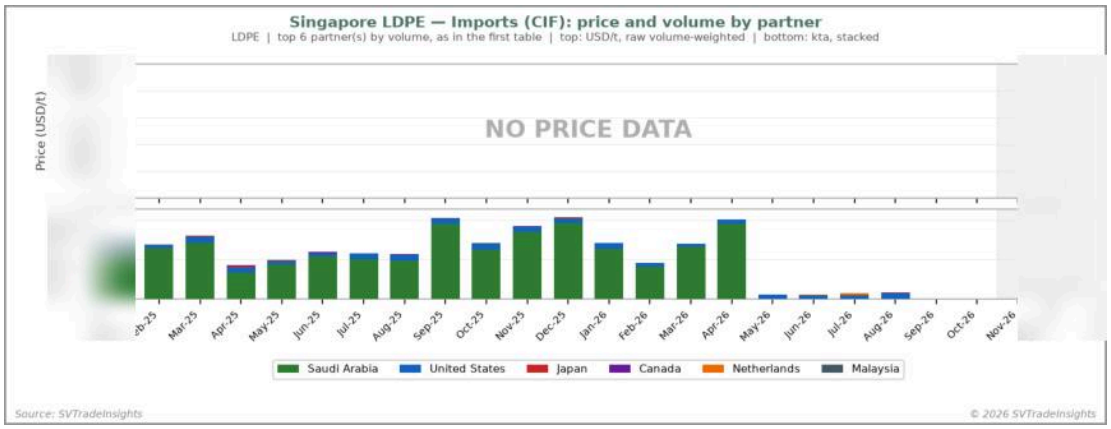


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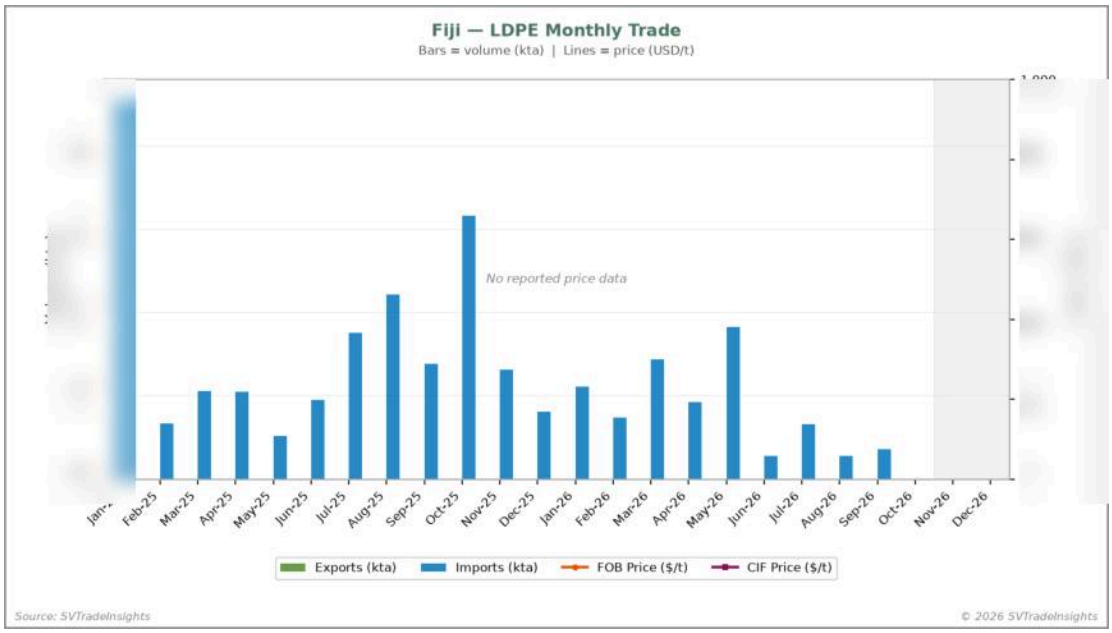


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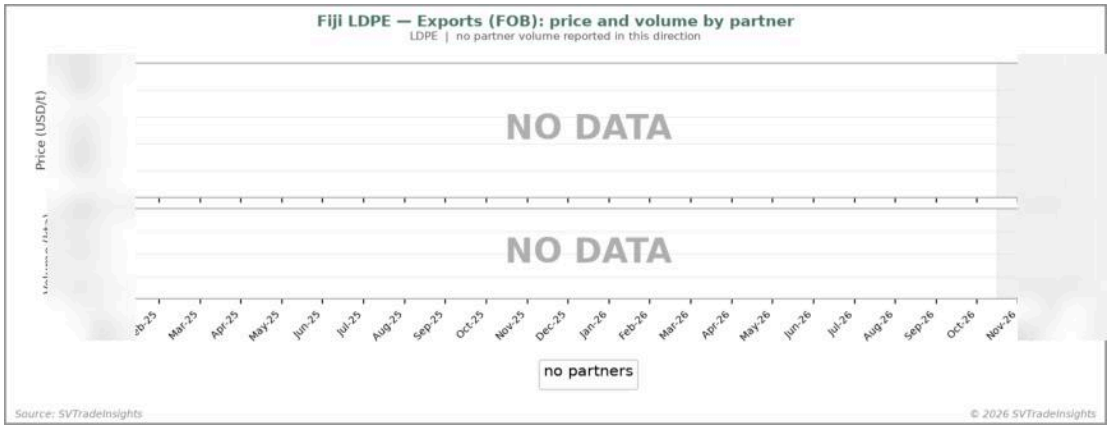


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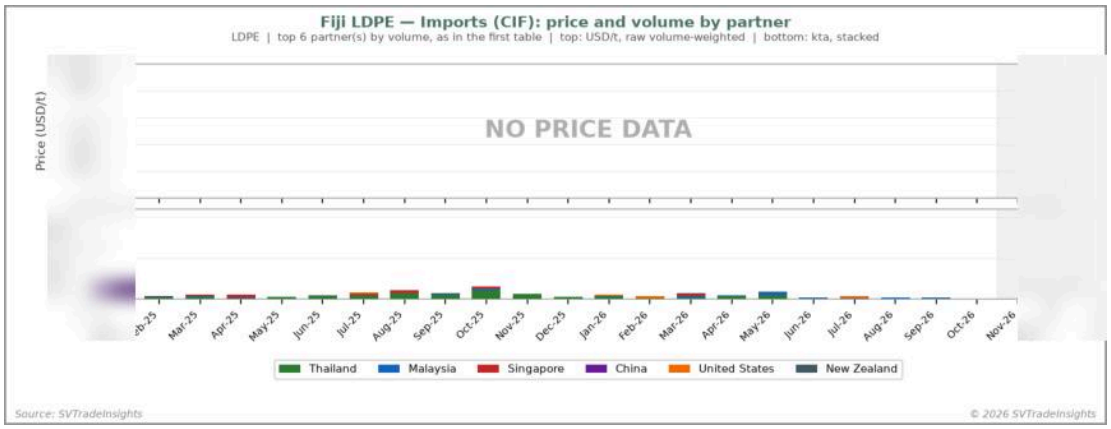


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4. Methodology and Limitations

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.

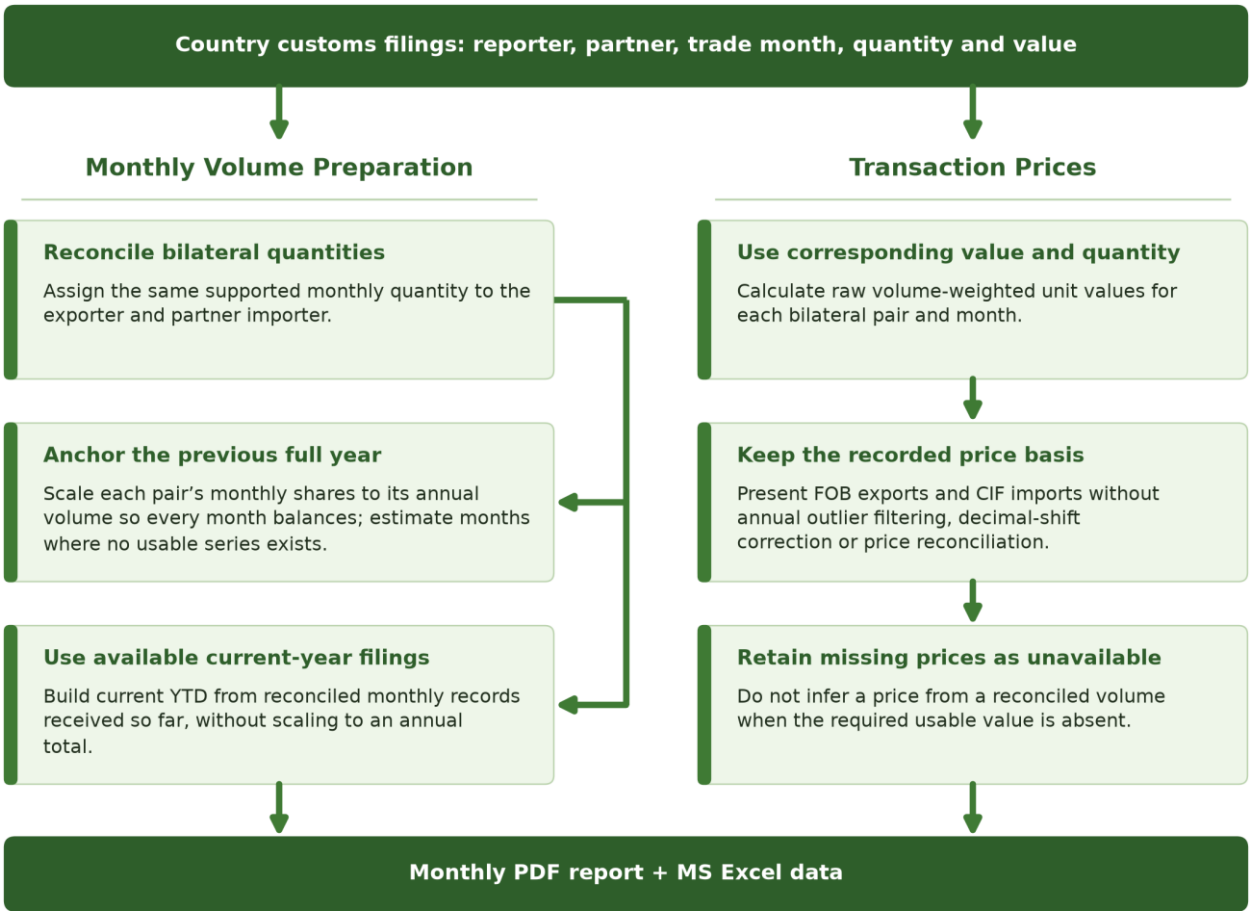


Figure 4-1: Monthly Report Methodology

4.1. Data Sources and Preparation

The analysis uses bilateral customs records reconciled and prepared by SVTradeInsights. Product coverage follows the LDPE 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. Monthly Reconciliation and 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 internally balanced.
- 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.

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- 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.

Potential transit hubs are identified where a market records material and broadly comparable import and export activity, and where the surrounding supply and destination network suggests a possible intermediary or redistribution role. This classification does not establish physical re-export of the same cargo, because production, domestic use, inventories, timing differences and reporting practices may also explain the observed relationships.

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 comparison uses the same calendar window in both years, but September 2026 has only ten direct reporters and 9.0% volume-weighted coverage. October onward is unreported. Country volumes may include partner evidence beyond the reporter's latest filing. Volume coverage uses 2025 reported-volume weights, not an estimate of actual 2026 trade received. No monthly transaction-price observations are available in this edition. The results alone do not establish changes in consumption, production, capacity, inventories or executable market prices.

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