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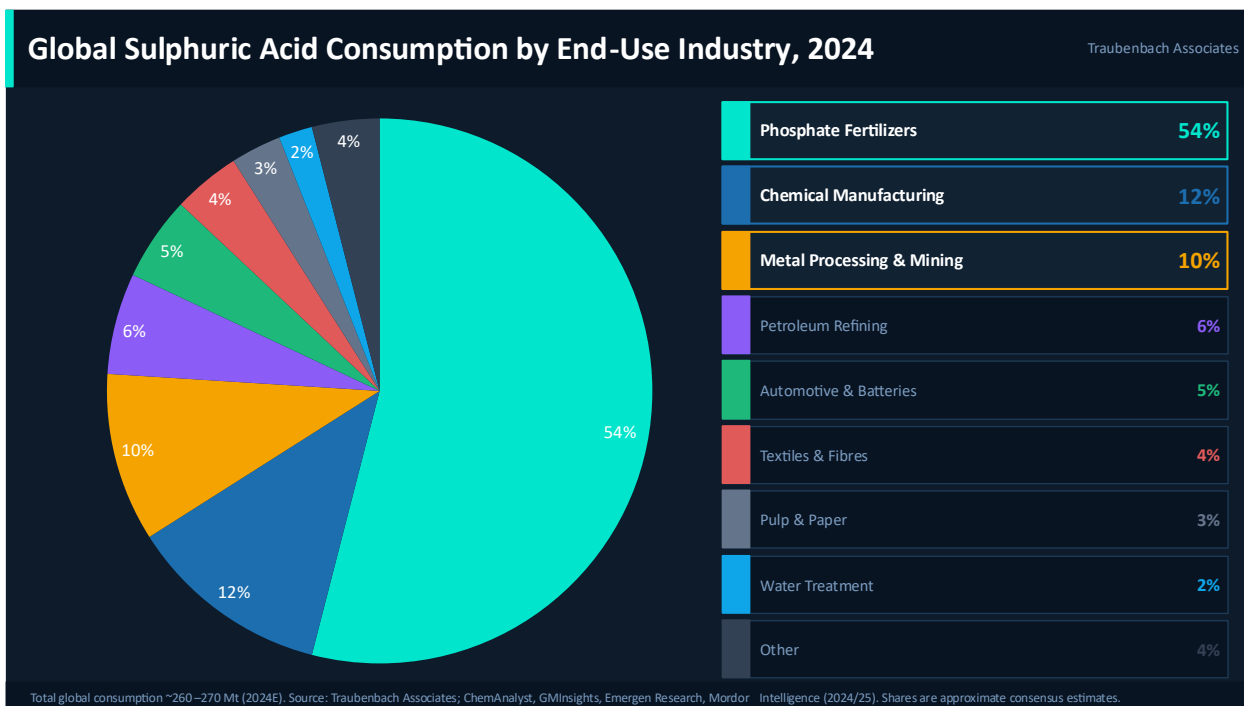
Market Implications of China's Sulphuric Acid Export Ban

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Chinese ban on sulphuric acid exports will impact fertilizers and metal production costs.

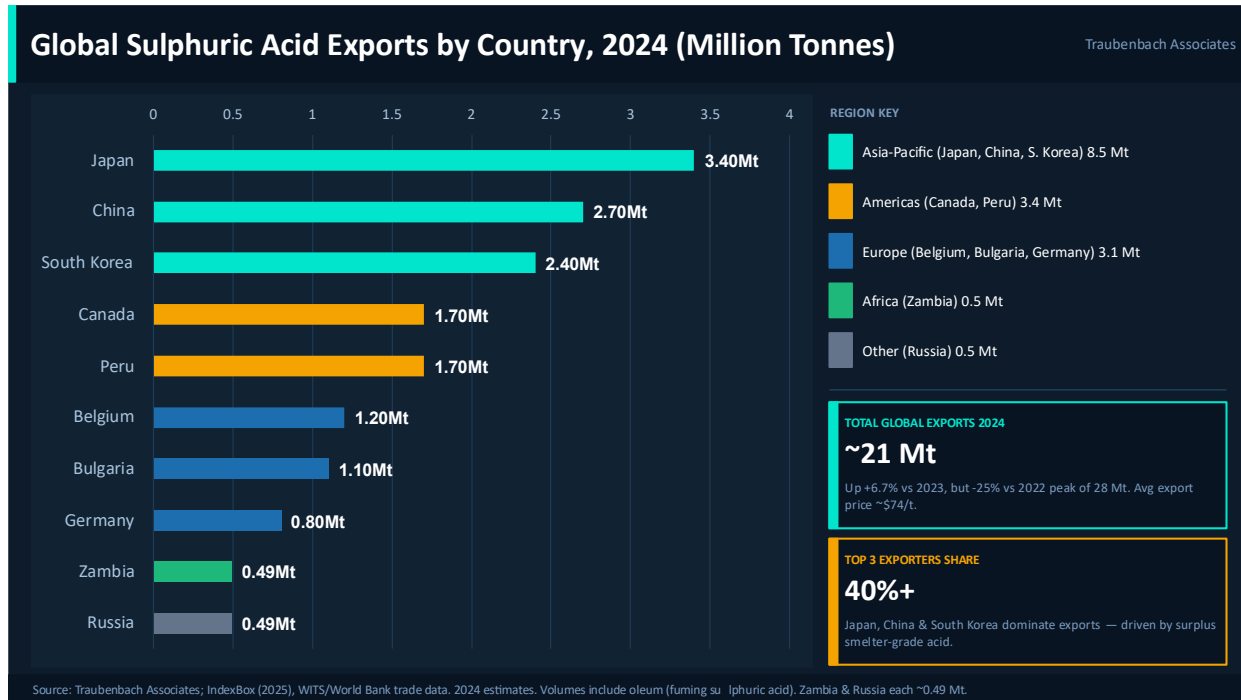
Chinese authorities have put in place a ban on sulphuric acid exports beginning next month. China is the second largest exporter of sulphuric acid. In the figures below, we show the leading exporters, the biggest consumers (mainly the agriculture industry), and pricing. This will result in a significant shift in costs for the agricultural sector and certain copper and nickel users. Overall, copper will be hit the hardest.

Figure 1: More Than Half of All Sulphuric Acid Goes into Your Food Supply, 2024



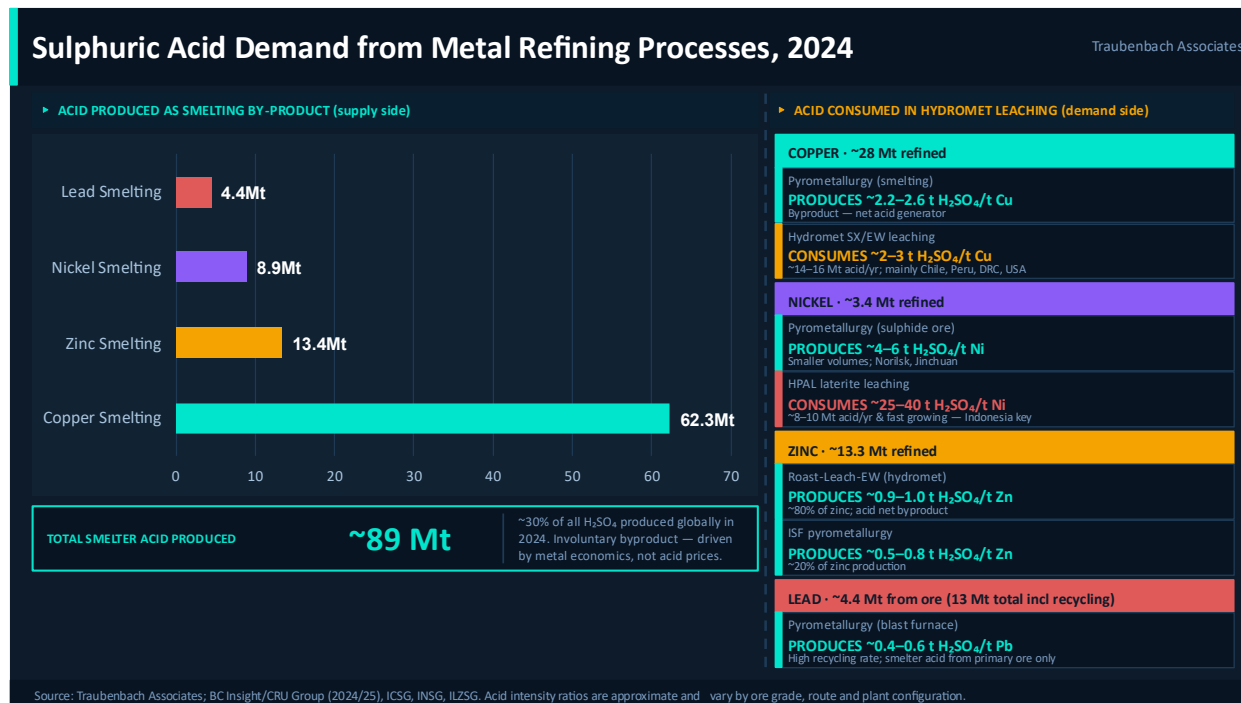
Source: Traubenbach Associates

Figure 2: Asia-Pacific Leads Sulphuric Acid Trade, 2024



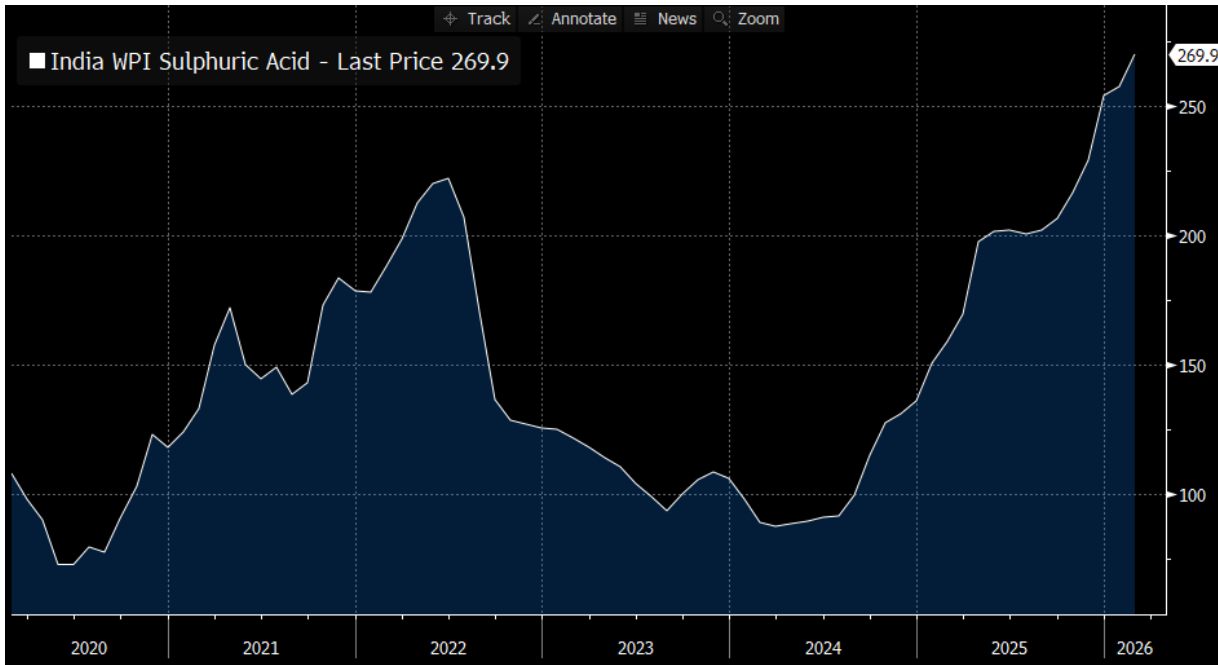
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Figure 3: The Role of Metal Smelting in Sulphuric Acid Supply and Demand, 2024



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Figure 4: India Wholesale Price Index (WPI)



Source: Bloomberg

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