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UK WOOD CONSUMPTION + SOFTWOOD FORECAST 24/25

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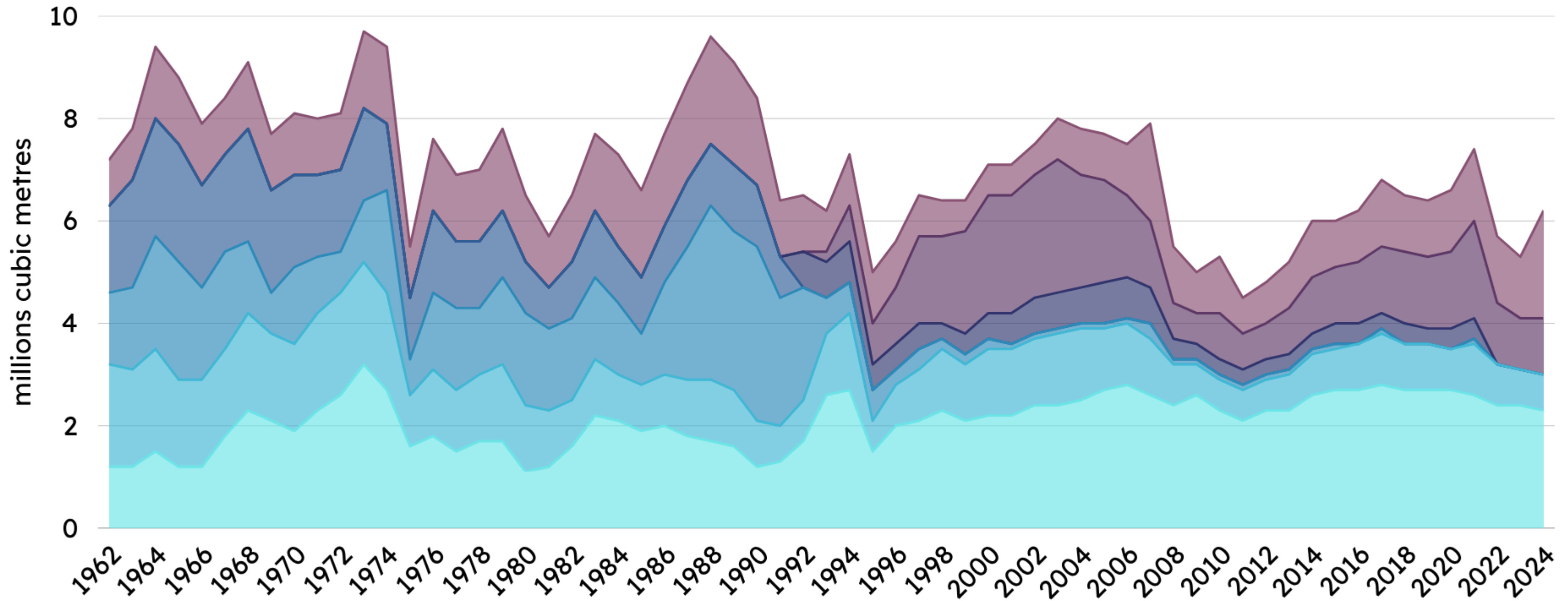
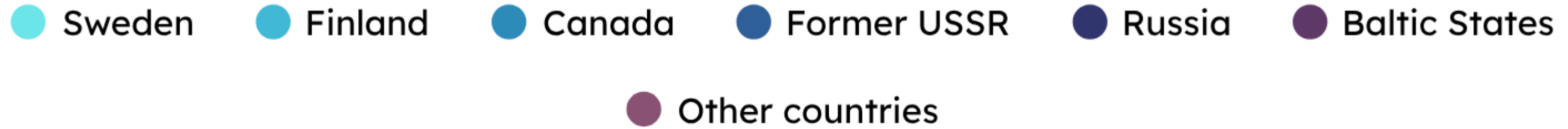
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

1960s-2020s



SOFTWOOD IMPORTS

country of origin, 1962-2024



WOOD CONSUMPTION 2024

by product group

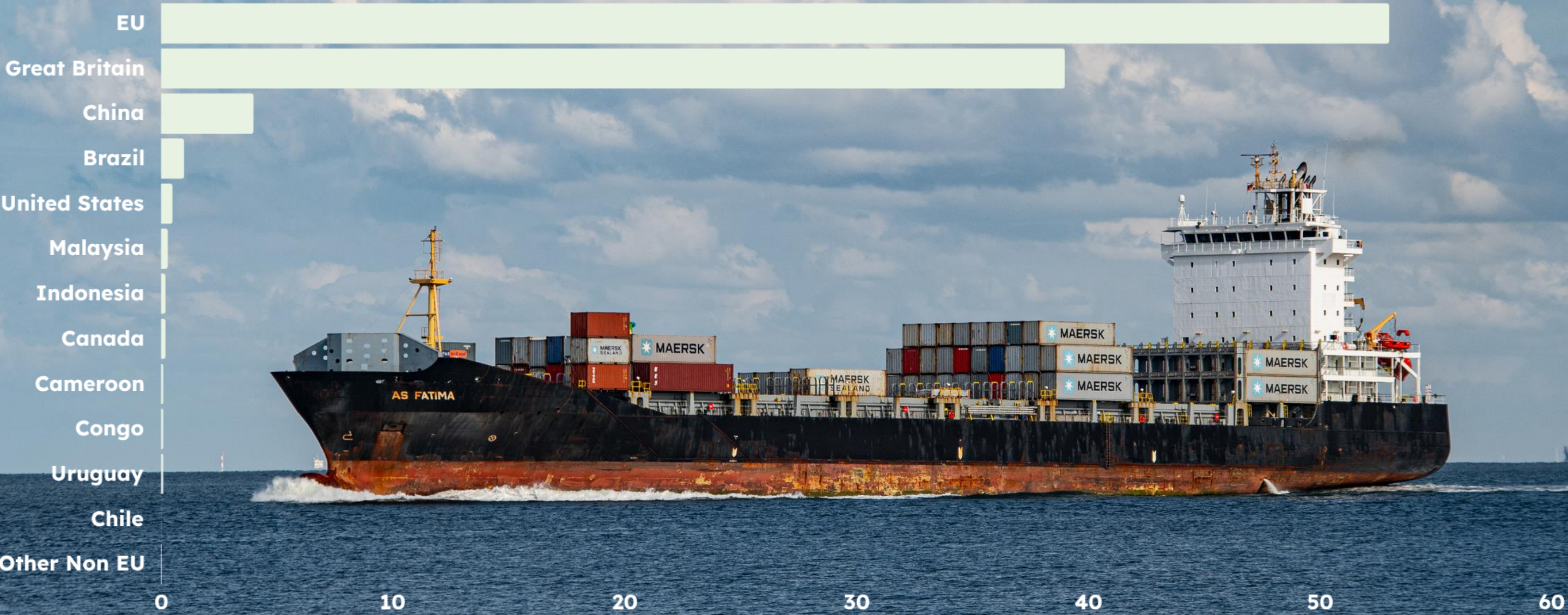
15.2 million m3
consumed



WOOD CONSUMPTION 2024

by source region

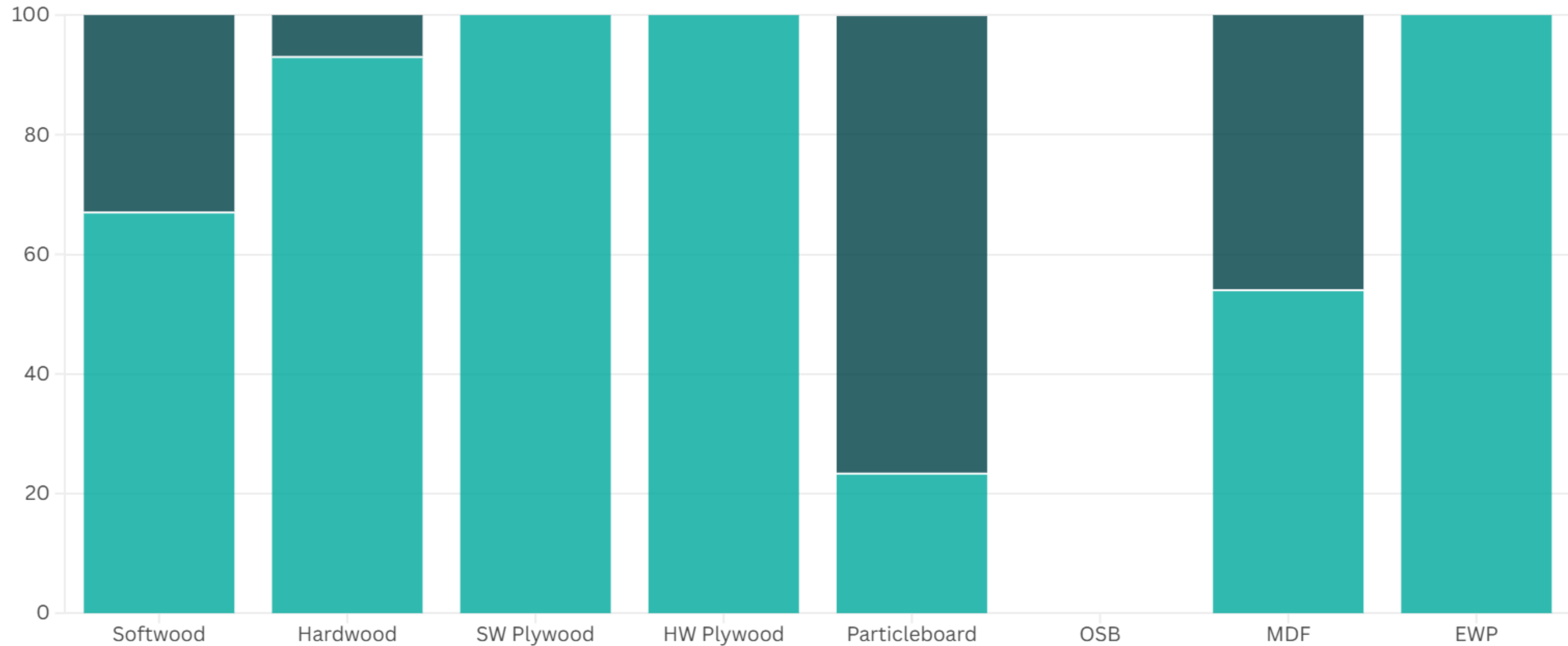
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WOOD CONSUMPTION 2024

great britain vs imported by product group

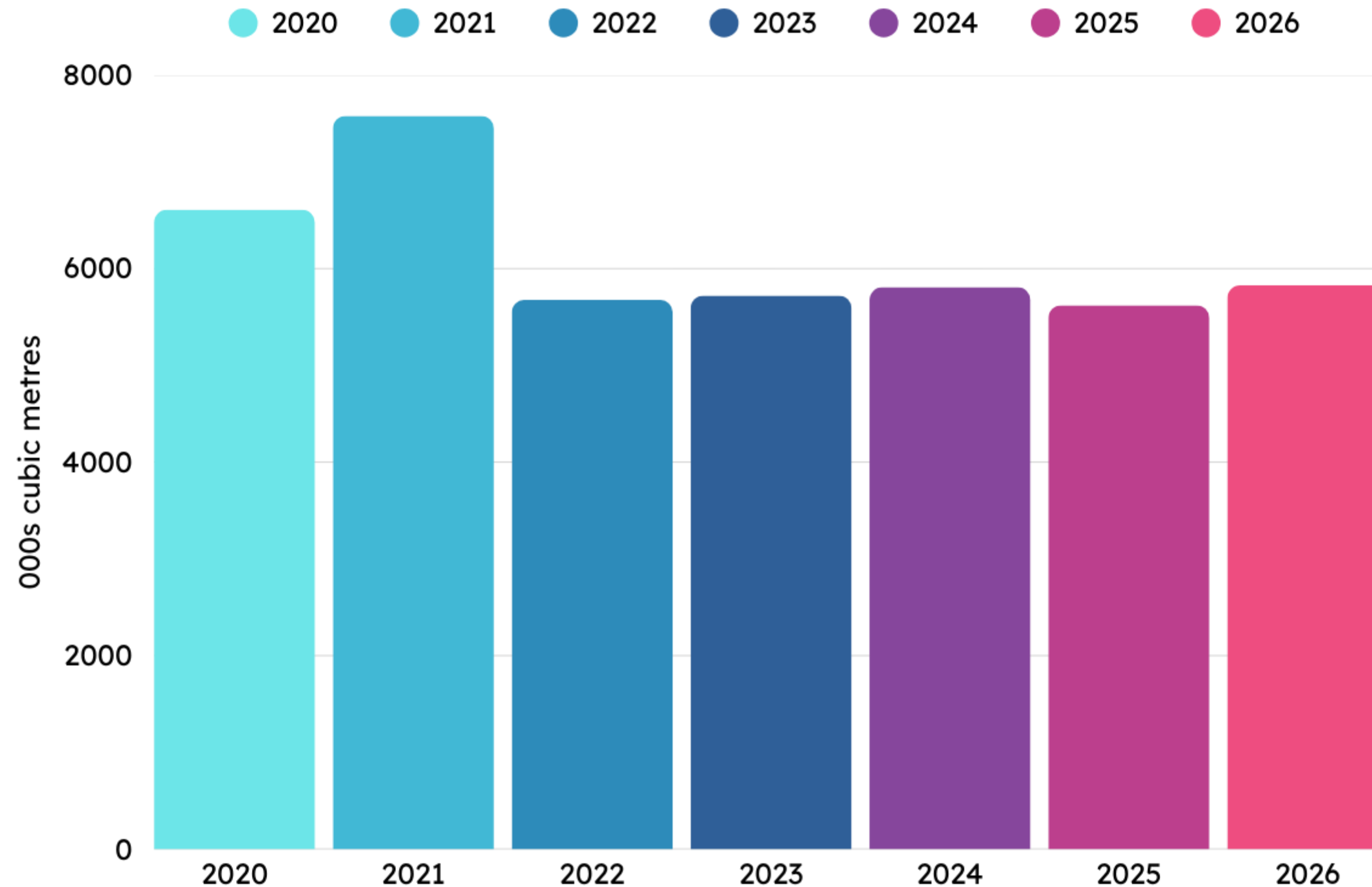
Imported Great Britain



UK SOFTWOOD FORECAST

projected imports

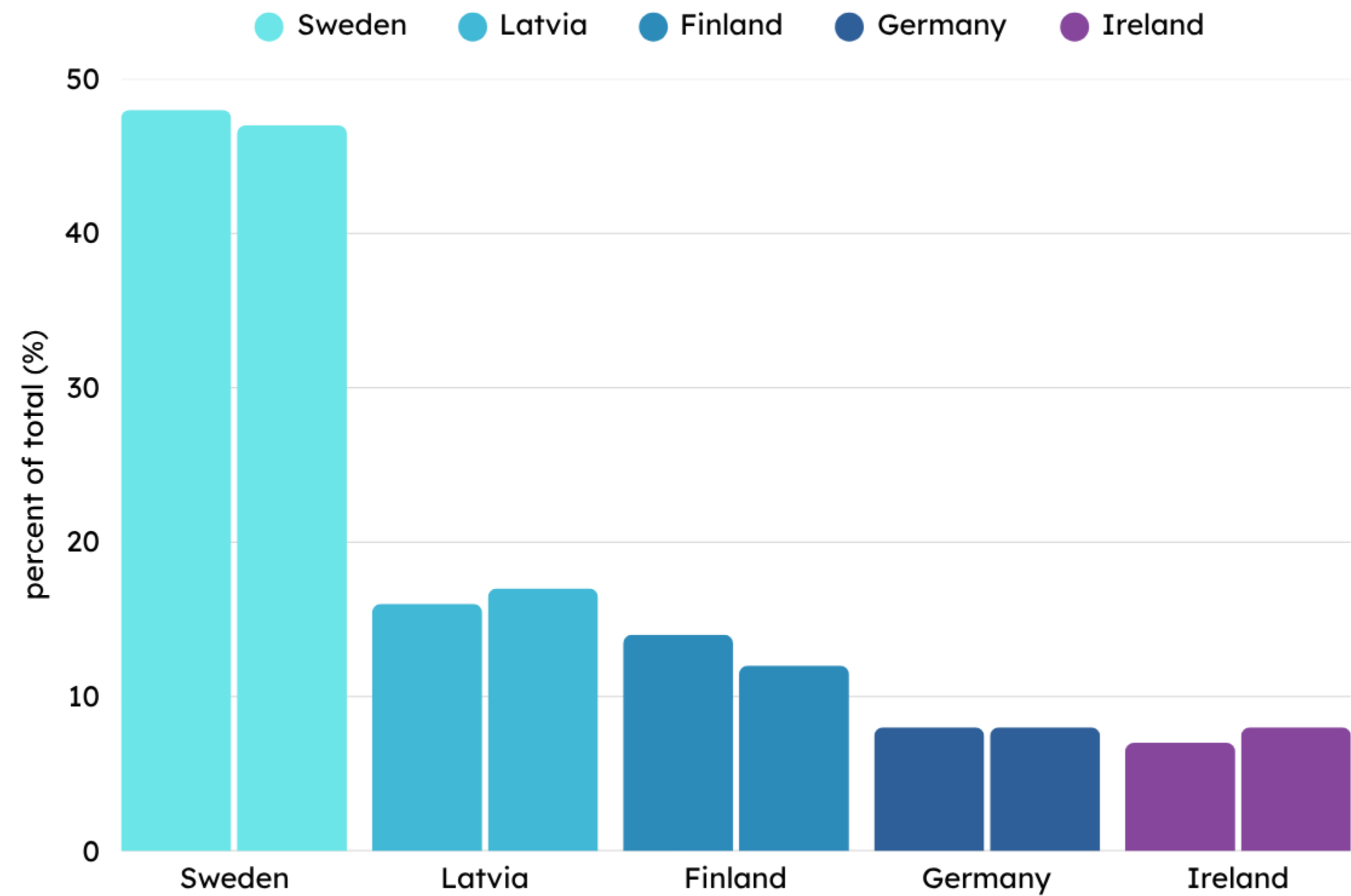
Total UK Forecasts
2024/2025 = - 3.2%
2025/2026 = + 3.7%



Based on the annual
survey of the Timber
Development UK
National Softwood
Division survey

UK SOFTWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country 2023-24



Softwood imports % change

Jan-Dec 2024 year-on-year

2024/2023 = + 1.5%

2023/2022 = + 0.8%

2022/2021 = - 25.1%

Cumulative volume to Jan-Jun

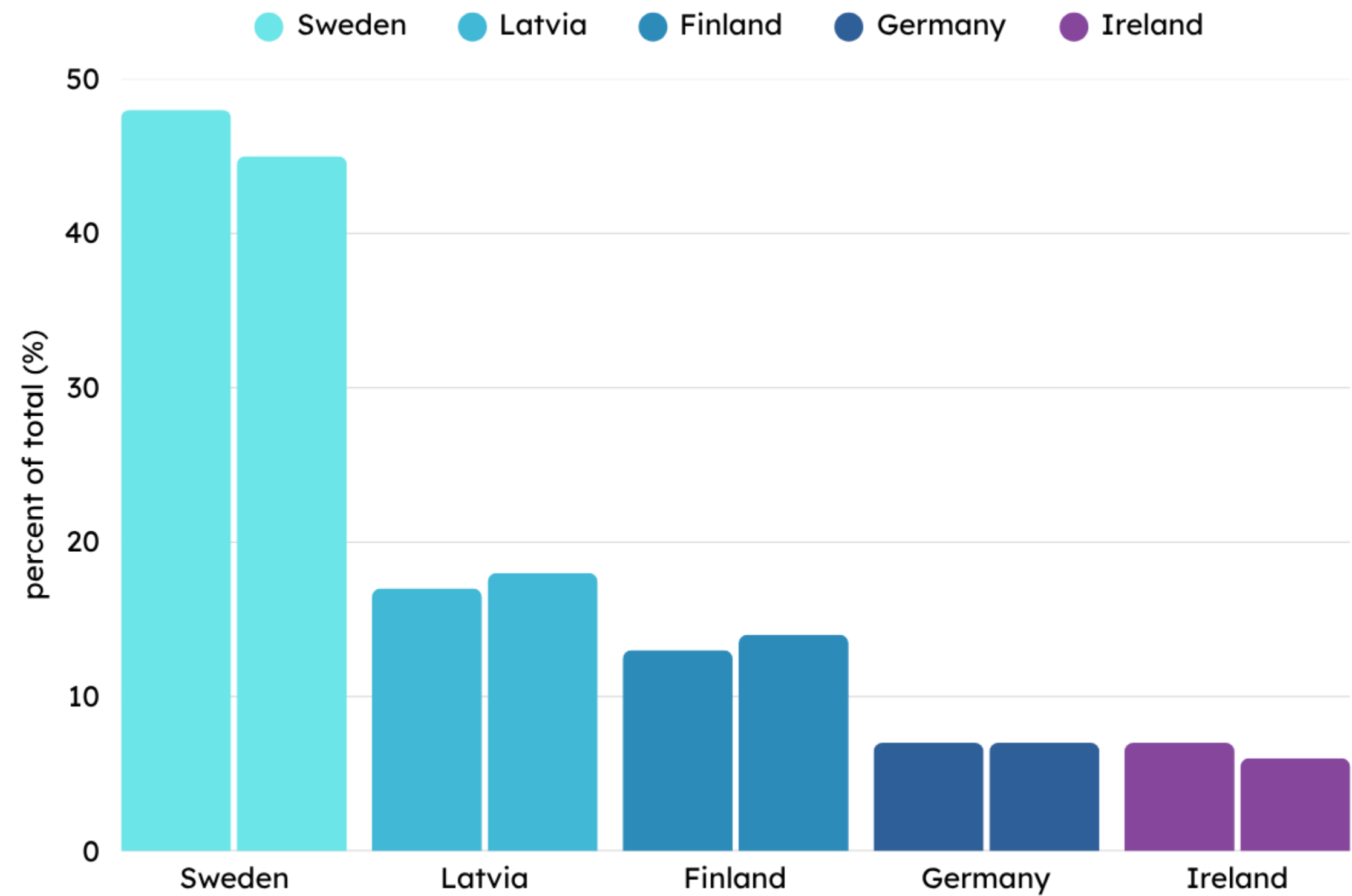
2024 = 5,808,000 m3

2023 = 5,722,000 m3

Source:
Timber Development
UK import statistics

UK SOFTWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country H1 2024/25



Softwood imports % change

Jan—Jun year-on-year

2025/2024 = - 4.0%

2024/2023 = - 2.6%

2023/2022 = - 5.6%

Cumulative volume to Jan - Jun

2025 = 2,919,000 m3

2024 = 3,040,000 m3

Annual volume in

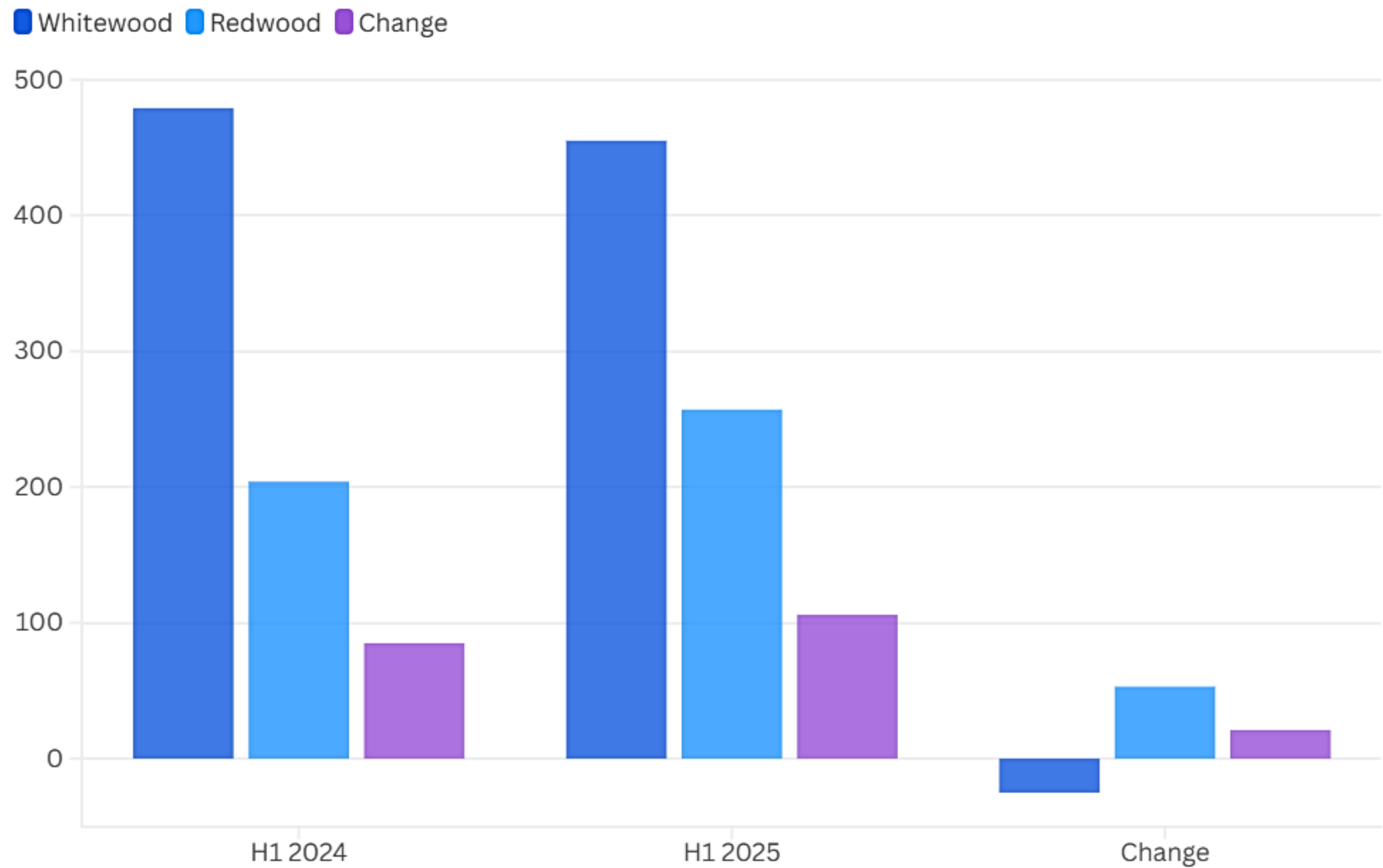
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UK import statistics

UK SOFTWOOD IMPORTS

species by value H1 2024/25

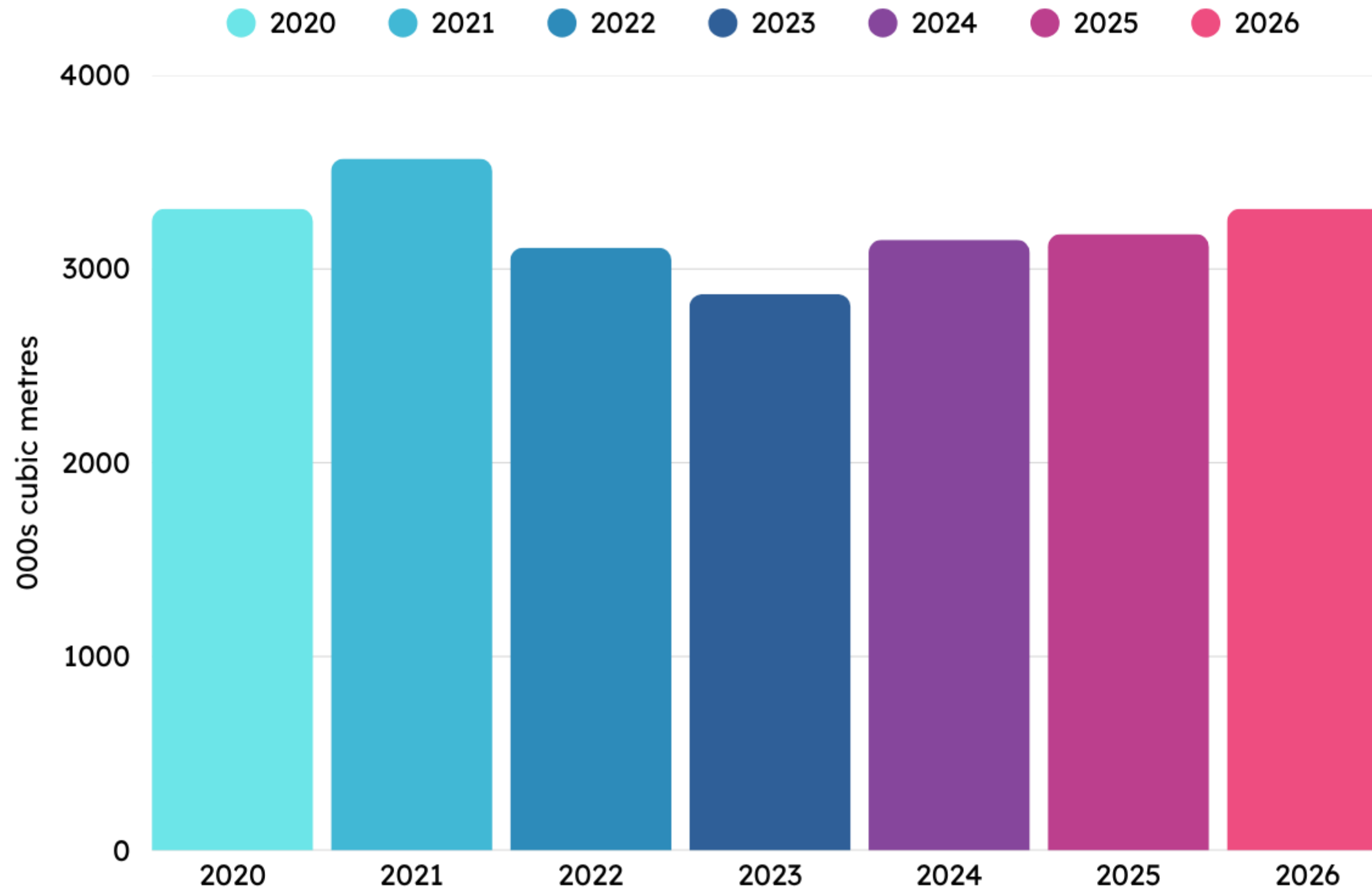


Source:
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UK SOFTWOOD FORECAST

projected production

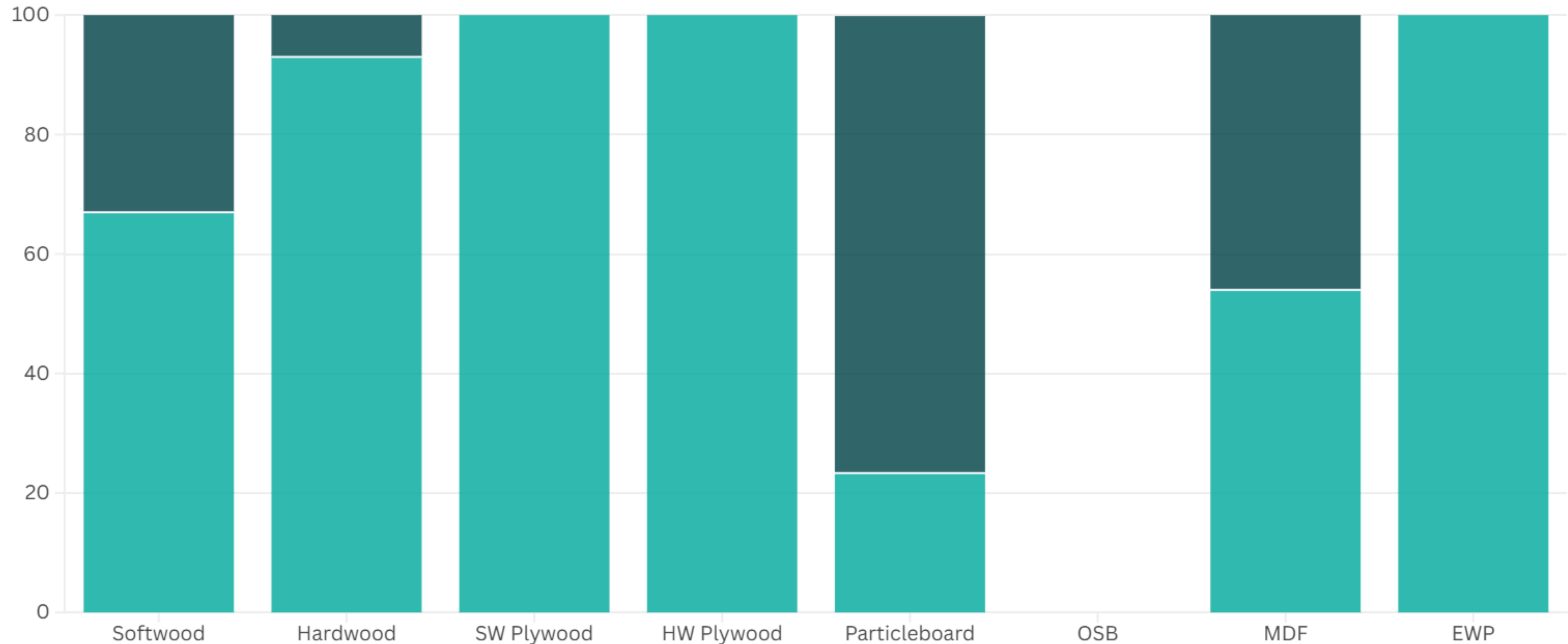
Total UK Forecasts
2025/2024 = + 1.0%
2026/2025 = + 4.0%



WOOD CONSUMPTION 2024

great britain vs imported by product group

Imported Great Britain



SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country 2023/24

Softwood Plywood
imports % change

Jan—Dec 2024 year-on-year

2024/2023 = + 2.4%

2023/2022 = - 8.1%

2022/2021 = - 23.4%

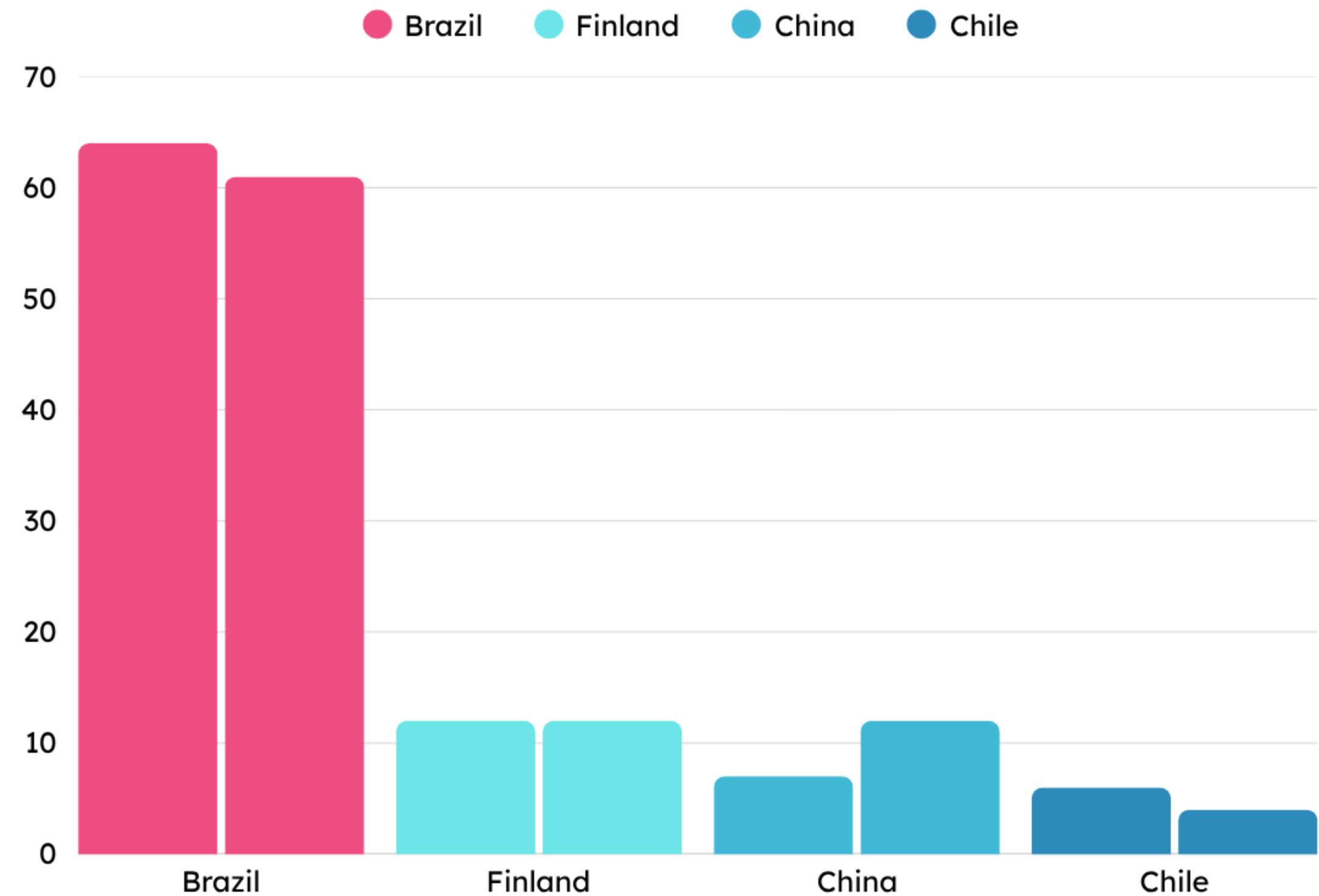
Cumulative volume to Jan – Jun

2024 = 329,000 m3

2023 = 321,000 m3

Source:

Timber Development UK
import statistics



HARDWOOD PLYWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country 2023/24

Hardwood Plywood
imports % change

Jan—Dec 2024 year-on-year

2024/2023 = + 2.8%

2023/2022 = - 12.3%

2022/2021 = - 11.0%

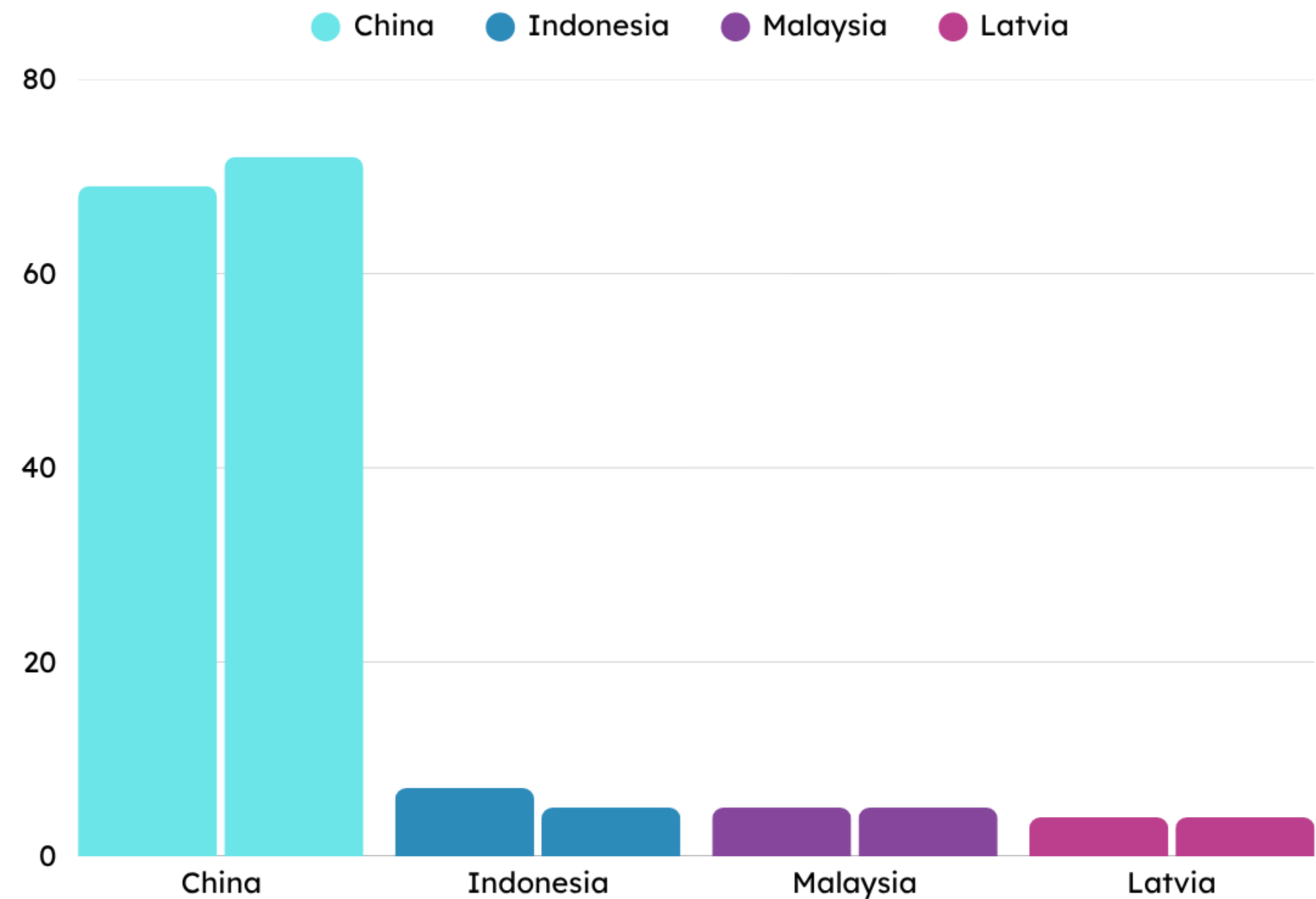
Cumulative volume to Jan – Jun

2024 = 870,000 m3

2023 = 846,000 m3

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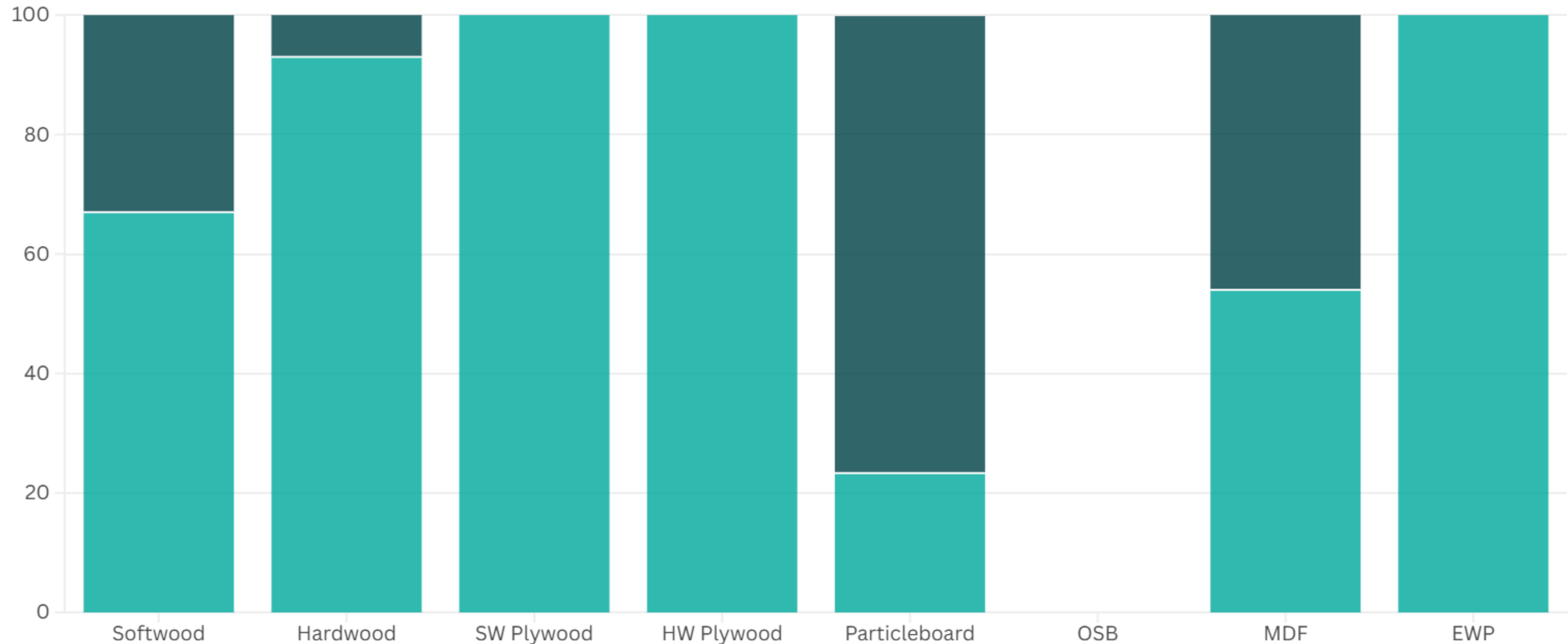
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WOOD CONSUMPTION 2024

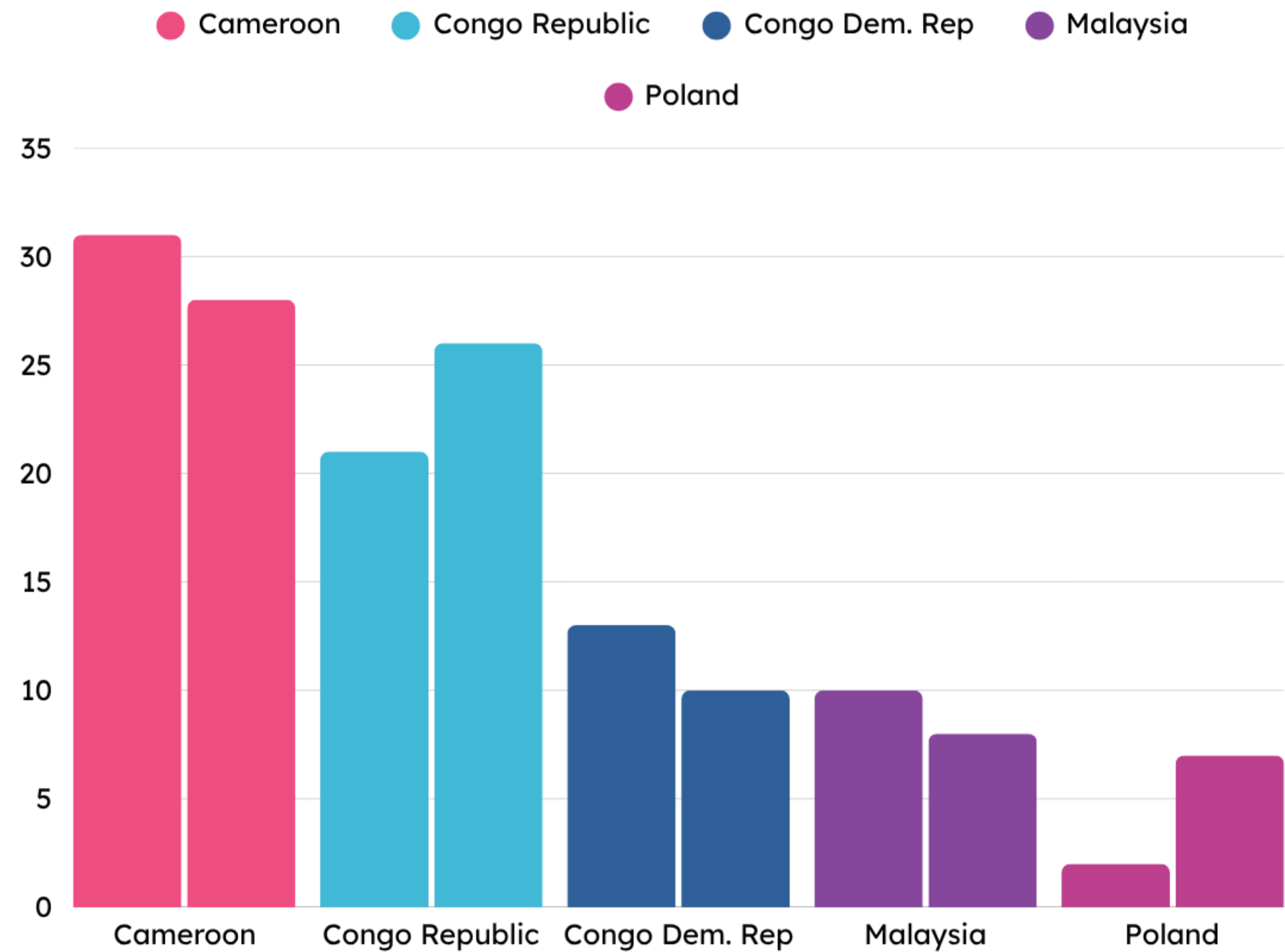
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Imported Great Britain



TROPICAL HARDWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country 2023/24



Tropical Hardwood
imports % change

2024/2023 = - 0.9%

2023/2022 = - 10.0%

2022/2021 = + 19.6%

Cumulative volume to Jan – Dec

2024 = 84,000 m3

2023 = 85,000 m3

Source:
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UK import statistics

MIXED HARDWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country 2023/24

Mixed Species Hardwood
Imports % change

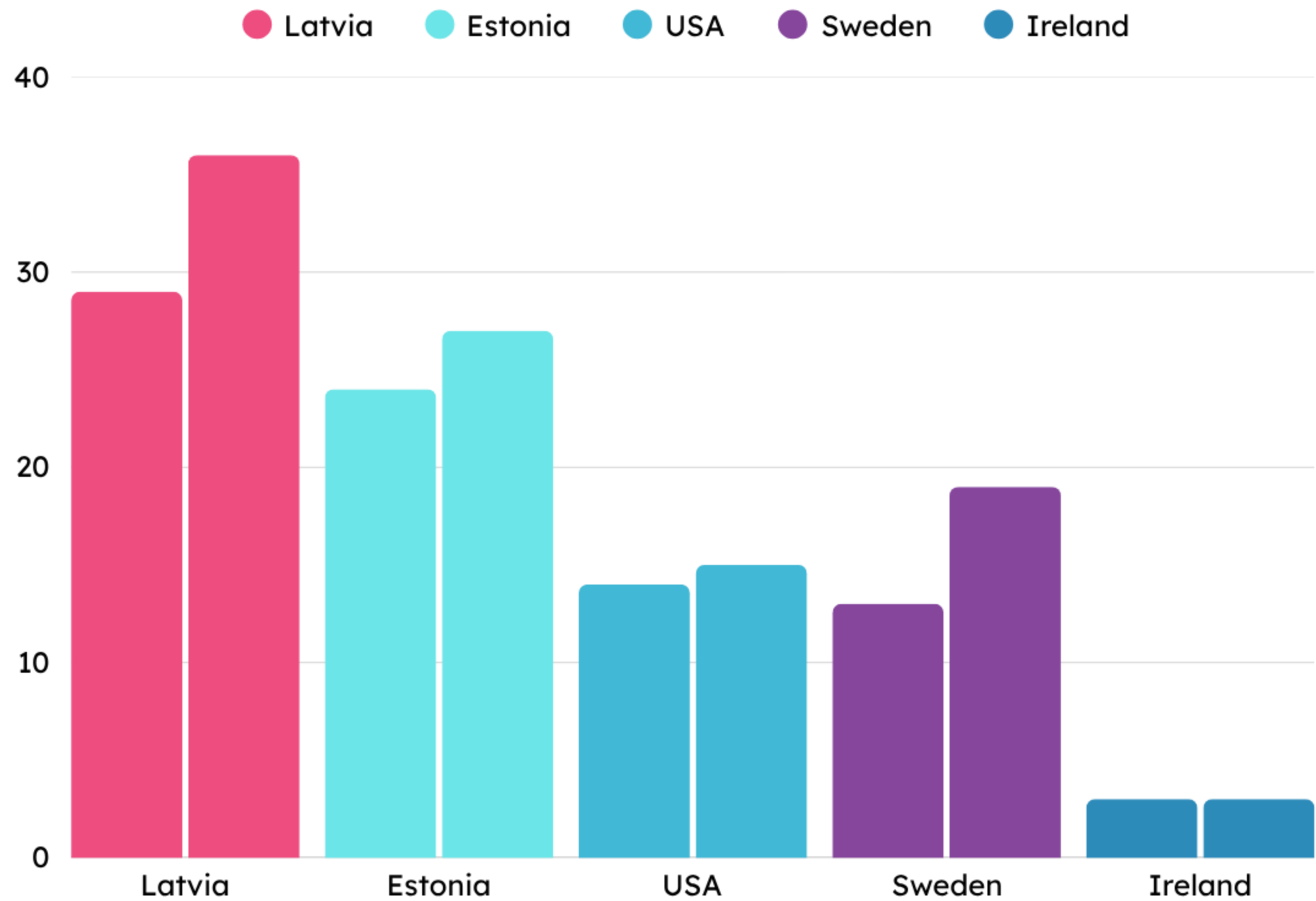
Jan—Dec year-on-year :

2024/2023 = + 1.3%
2023/2022 = - 44.7%
2022/2021 = - 4.6%

Cumulative volume Jan – Dec

2024 = 105,000 m3
2023 = 104,000 m3

Source:
Timber Development
UK import statistics



TEMPERATE HARDWOOD IMPORTS

change in source country 2023/24

Temperate Hardwood
Imports % change

Jan - Dec year-on-year

2024/2023 = - 4.1%

2023/2022 = - 11.8%

2022/2021 = + 13.2%

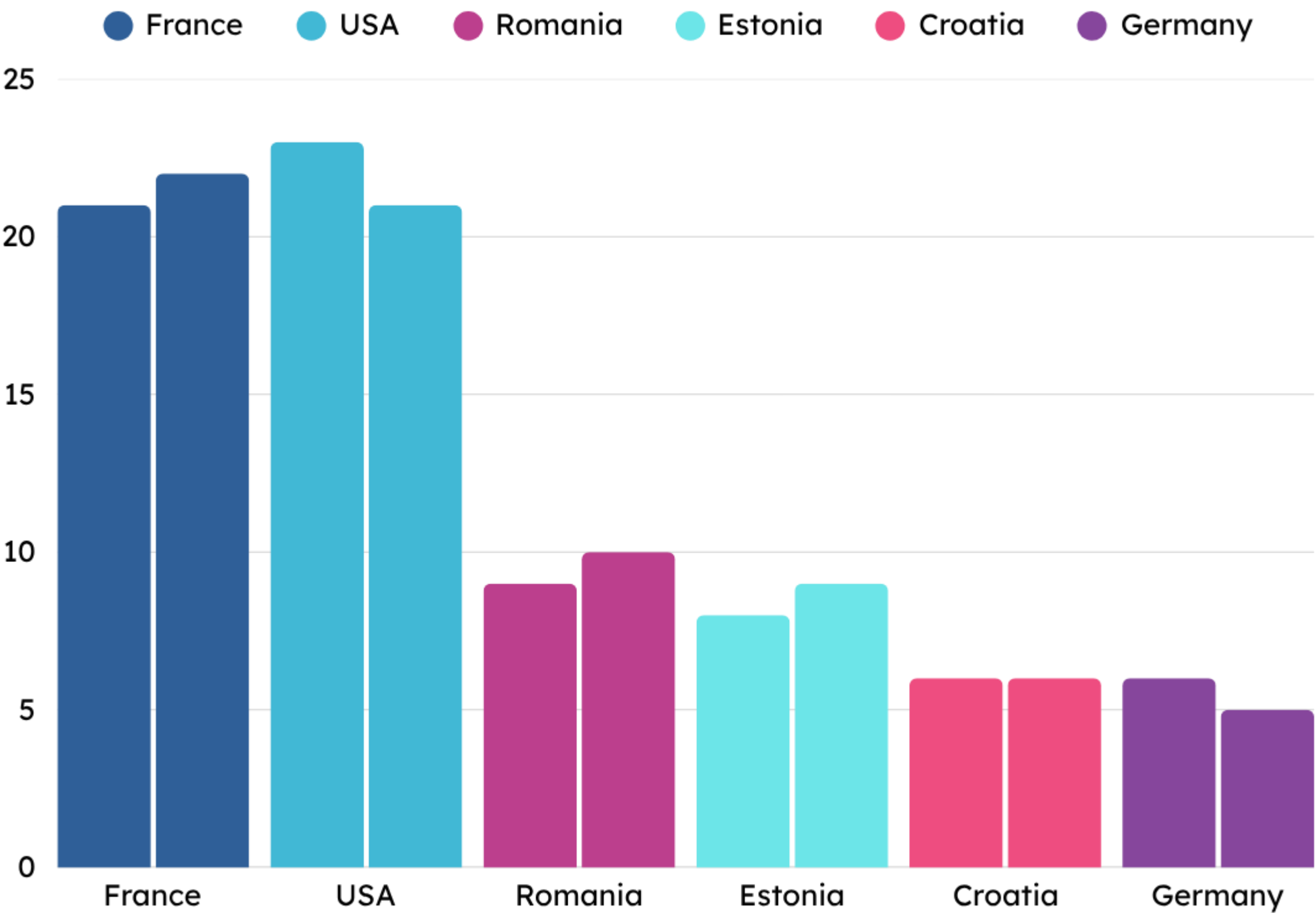
Cumulative volume Jan - Dec

2024 = 249,000 m3

2023 = 260,000 m3

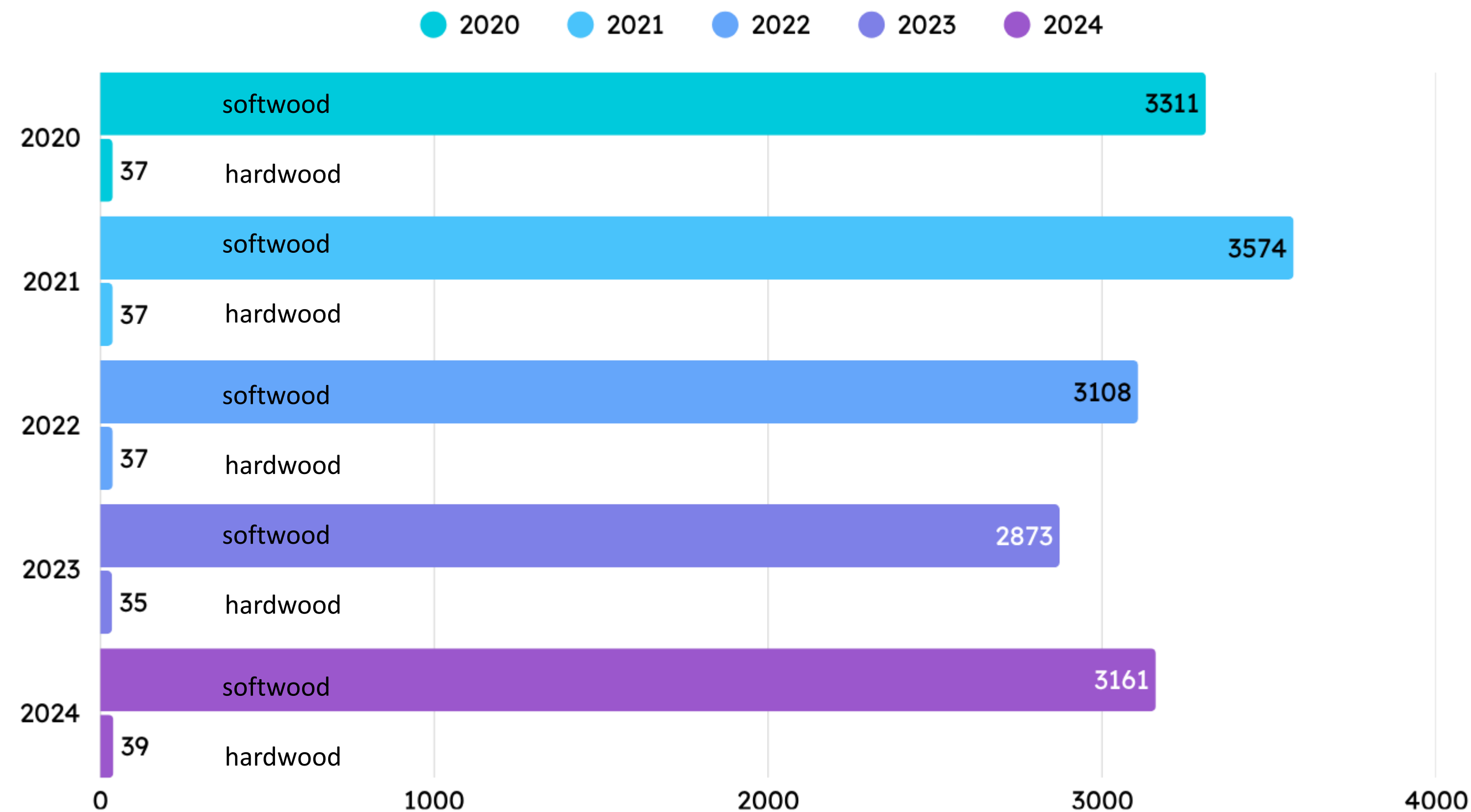
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UK import statistics



UK SAWNWOOD PRODUCTION

2020-24



In 2024, 138 sawmills in the UK consumed a total of 5.7 million green tonnes of softwood, an 11% increase from 2023. 5.3 million green tonnes softwood UK produced, 0.4 imported.

A total of 3.161 million m3 Sawn Softwood in 2024, a 10% increase from 2023.

Source:
Sawmill Survey
Forest Research

CONCLUSIONS

The UK is a net importer of wood.

Should we plant more trees – absolutely yes

Should we utilize much more homegrown wood – absolutely yes

Should we aim to increase wood security – again absolutely yes

However, let's not lose sight that in terms of land area we are not a big nation so ultimately wood imports can and should continue to play a significant role in our future.

Diversity of global wood products is absolutely amazing so why limit our ambition to just those wood products which our climate allows us to produce.

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