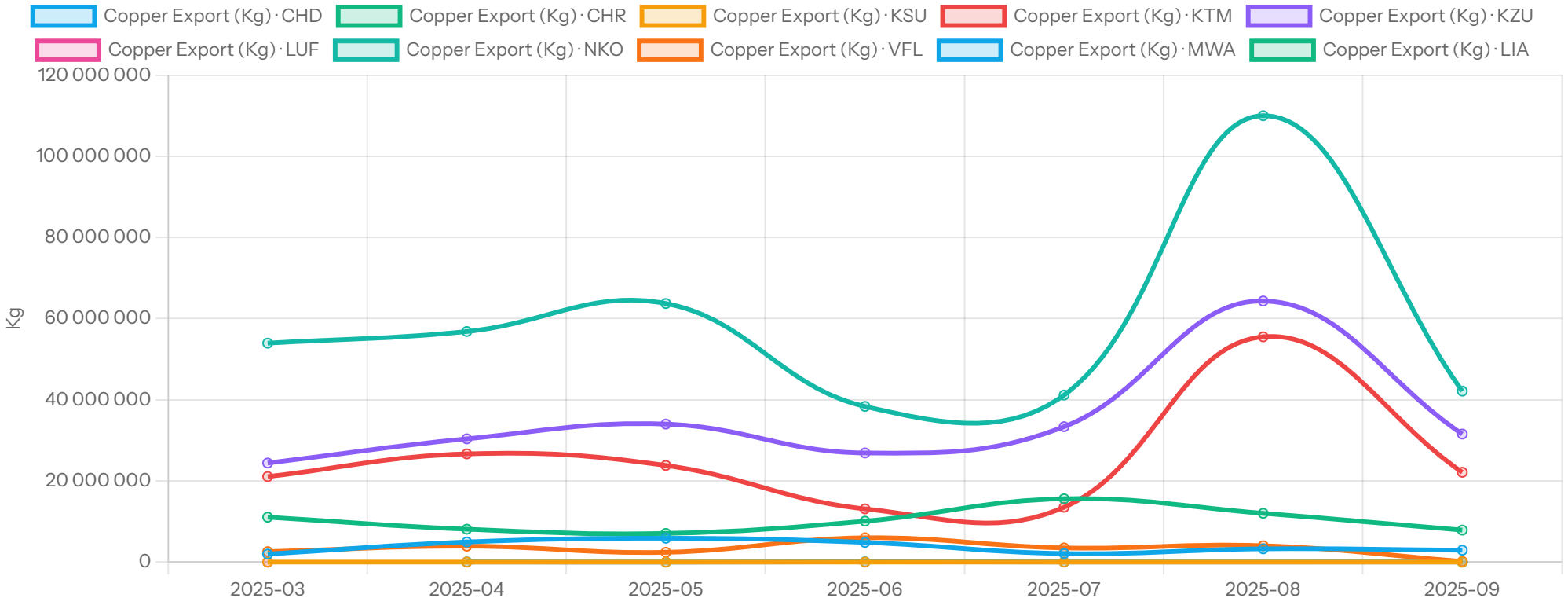
# Copper Exports comparison (March vs September 2025) by Border Office

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## Summary

Copper exports declined by 7.17% from 115.02M Kg in March to 106.77M Kg in September 2025, with major volumes shifting from NKO (-21.9%) to KZU (+29.2%).



## AI insights

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### Executive Summary of Copper Exports: March vs September 2025

A comparison of copper exports (HS Chapter 74) from Zambaie border posts between March and September 2025 shows a overall **7.17% decrease** in total volume, falling from **115.02 million Kg** to **106.77 million Kg**. This decrease was primarily driven by lower export volumes at **NKO** (down 11.82 million Kg) and **CHR** (down 3.18 million Kg).

### Border Office Performance Analysis

| Border Office | March 2025 (Kg) | September 2025 (Kg) | Absolute Change (Kg) | % Cha |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NKO** | 53,948,993.59 | 42,128,983.40 | -11,820,010.19 | -21.9 |
| **KZU** | 24,404,244.60 | 31,540,488.80 | +7,136,244.20 | +29.2 |
| **KTM** | 21,068,583.33 | 22,126,514.00 | +1,057,930.67 | +5.0% |
| **CHR** | 11,061,116.00 | 7,877,276.20 | -3,183,839.80 | -28.8 |
| **CHD** | 1,970,284.00 | 2,919,477.00 | +949,193.00 | +48.2 |
| **VFL** | 2,564,038.00 | 150,378.00 | -2,413,660.00 | -94.1 |
| **MWA** | 0.00 | 31,366.00 | +31,366.00 | New |
| **LUF** | 1,720.00 | 0.00 | -1,720.00 | -100% |
| **LIA** | 0.00 | 21.60 | +21.60 | New |
| **KSU** | 2.45 | 3.00 | +0.55 | +22.4 |
| **Total** | **115,018,981.97** | **106,774,508.00** | **-8,244,473.97** | **-7.2%** |

### Key Takeaways

1. **Top Dominant Ports**: Three border offices—**NKO**, **KZU**, and **KTM**—consistently handled over **85%** of all copper exports in both months (86.4% in March and 89.7% in September).
2. **Shift from NKO to KZU**: The biggest shift occurred as **NKO** saw exports contract by **21.9%** (down 11.8M Kg), while **KZU** expanded by **29.2%** (up 7.14M Kg), indicating a potential routing

shift towards southern exits.

3. **Plunge at VFL**: **VFL** saw a dramatic **94.1% collapse** in copper trade, dropping from 2.56M Kg in March to just 150k Kg in September.
4. **Intermediate Volatility**: Although comparing March and September shows a slight decline, the timeline reveals massive mid-year volatility, with copper exports peaking at **249.14 million Kg in August 2025**, more than double either of the compared months.

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Source: AfriStatsXchange · https://asx.octoplus.co.za/analysis/chart/10e92335-0033-4040-a395-2e9a9010d554