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**Countries we do not think about.**

**Why global dairy demand retains its momentum and will keep dairy prices high**

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## Insights on future world dairy export markets

When we say dairy importers, many people think: China.

Here, we also look at 12 Other major dairy importing countries.

With China, these 'top-13' countries import about 80% of all milk powders in 2021.

**What insights** are we looking for re. the Top-13?

- **Price elasticity**
- **“Other 12” and China’s economic performance**
- **Top-13’s demographics**
- **Dairy import, Production, Consumption balance in Top-13**



# The World Market dairy demand and supply

## Net exporters

Raw milk supply for processing in factories and domestic demand in main 'dairy exporting countries/regions'\*

billion kg ECM, data for 2021



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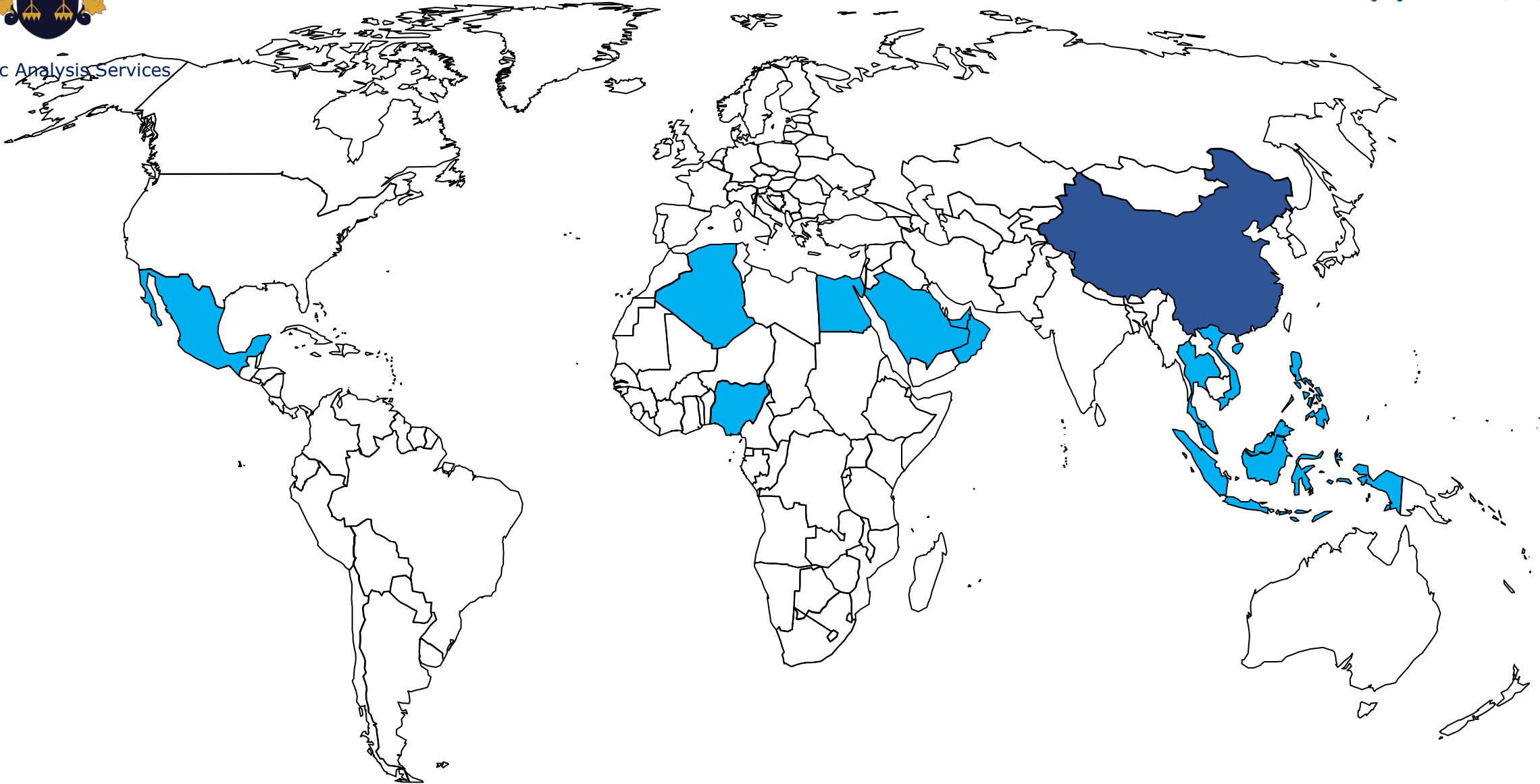
billion kg ECM, data for 2021



## Scope: China + 12 major dairy (net) importing countries



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## Dairy Importers' price elasticity: six beliefs to be tested

Six beliefs:

Dairy import volumes will go down in Net Importers as these countries...

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- experience currency depreciation against the US\$.

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- are mainly home to low-income consumers for whom buying dairy is a luxury.

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- have a high population growth rate which sustains poverty.

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- remain economically weak versus The West: the rich got richer while the poor remained poor.

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- develop a local dairy farming sector, driving up their dairy self-sufficiency.

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- will see market saturation develop



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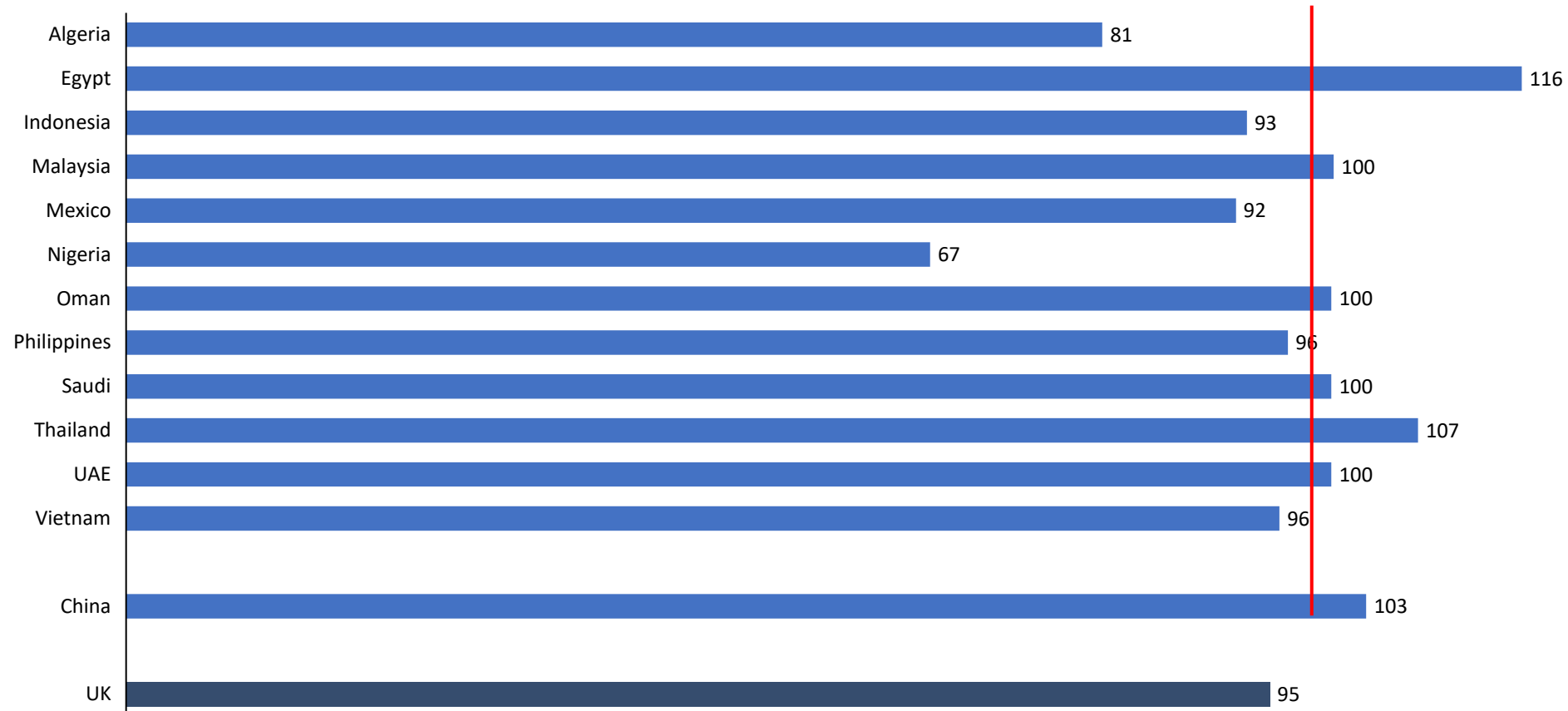
# Top-13 currencies hardly depreciated vs the US\$ in 2016 – 2021. Weighted average\* of index 98. They were stable.



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Selected dairy importing countries' exchange rates against the US\$ expressed as index of 2021 over 2016 exchange rate. So, an index of 95 means that in 2021 the exchange rate of that currency against the US\$ was 5% below the exchange rate in 2016.

Index: 2016 = 100. Index above 100 means: appreciation of the currency versus the US\$ since 2016



\*Weighing factor is the 2021 population of the individual countries. With China, the weighted average = 98 (red line), without China it is 92.





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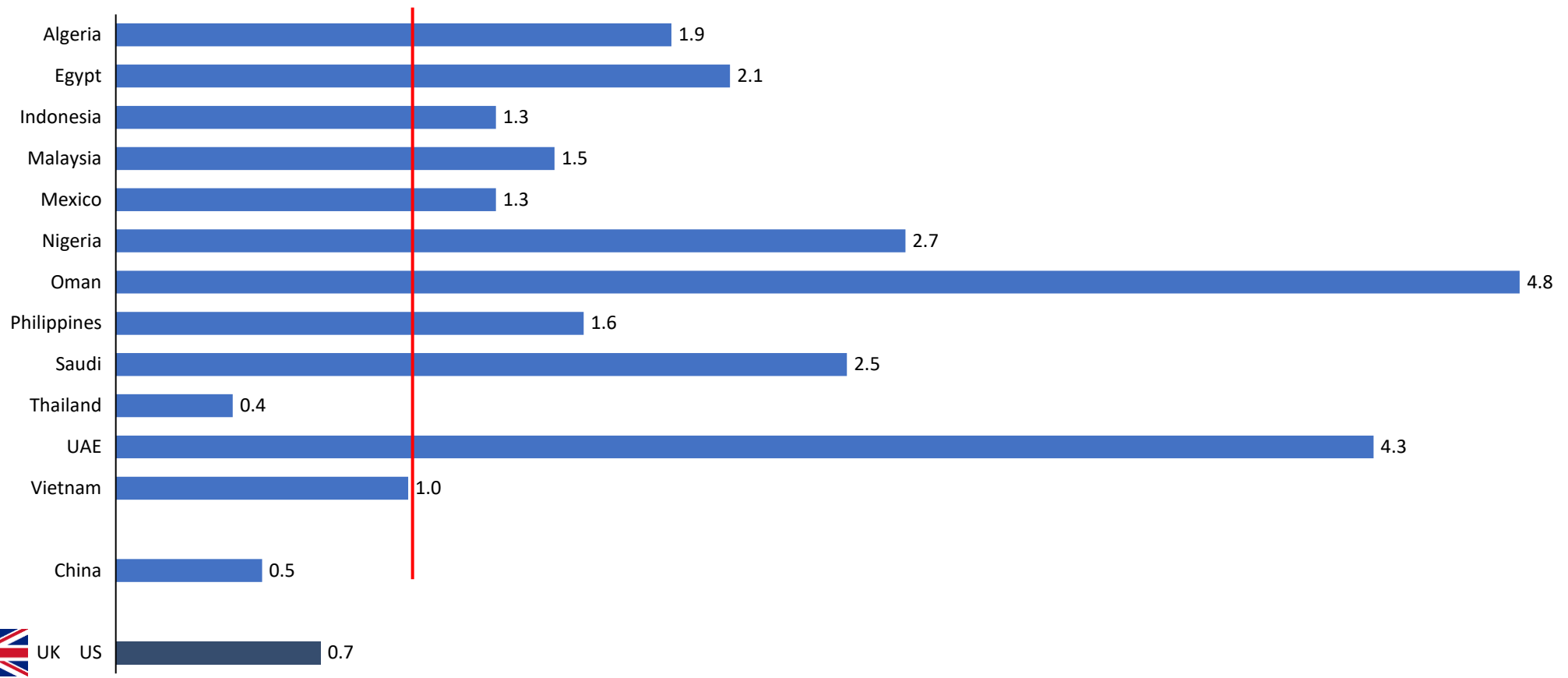
## Top-13 population growth weighted average\* of 1.0% growth for 2006-2021. US: 0.7% growth. Almost comparable.



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Selected dairy importing countries' population growth

CAGR in %, period 2006-2021



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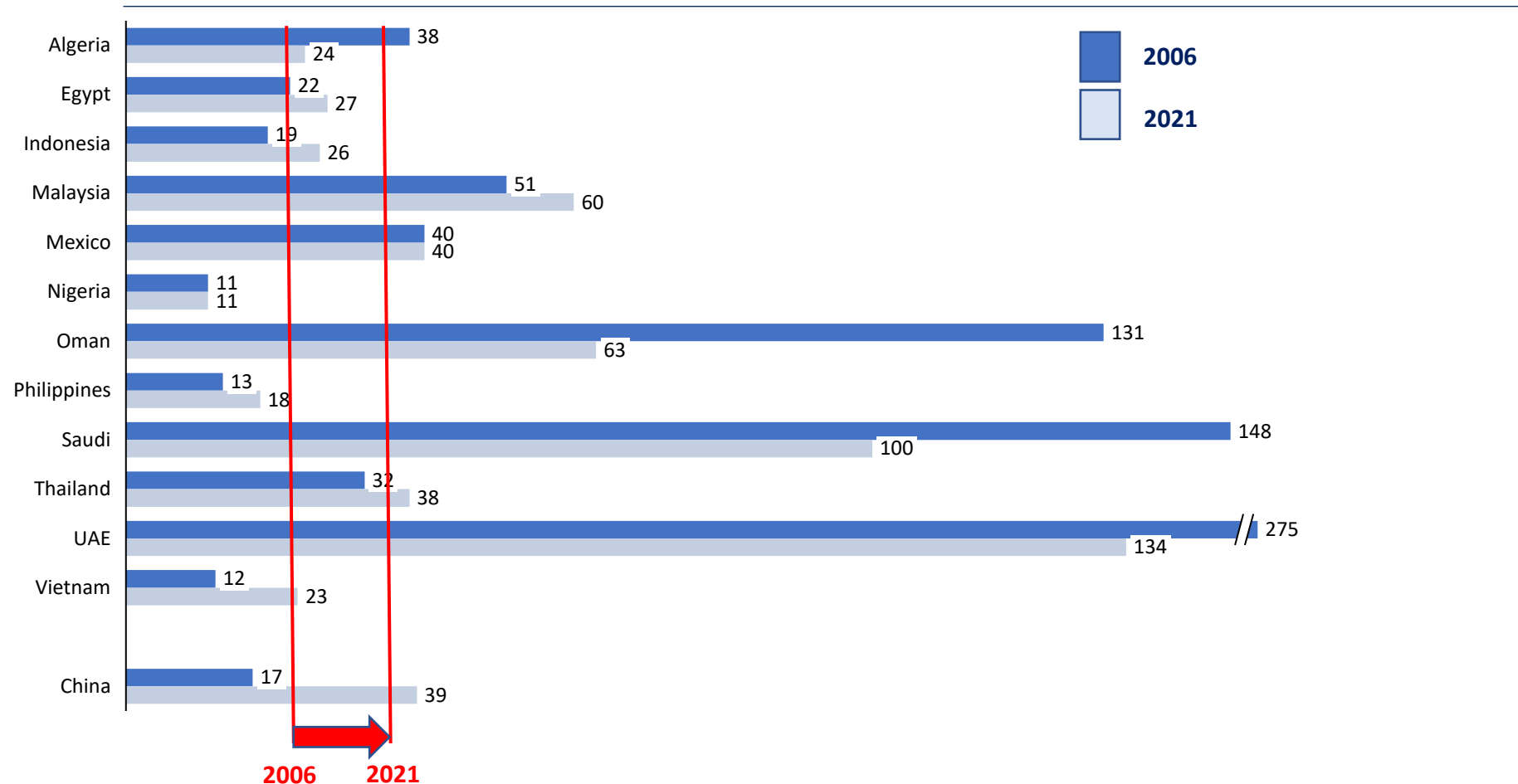
# Top-13 economic growth? Most outperformed the UK in GDP per capita growth (in ppp, international US\$) in 2006-2021



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Selected dairy importing countries' GDP per capita development (ppp, international US\$) from 2006-2021

Expressed as % of UK GDP/capita in ppp, international US\$ for respectively 2006 and 2021



\*Weighing factor is the 2021 population of the individual countries.



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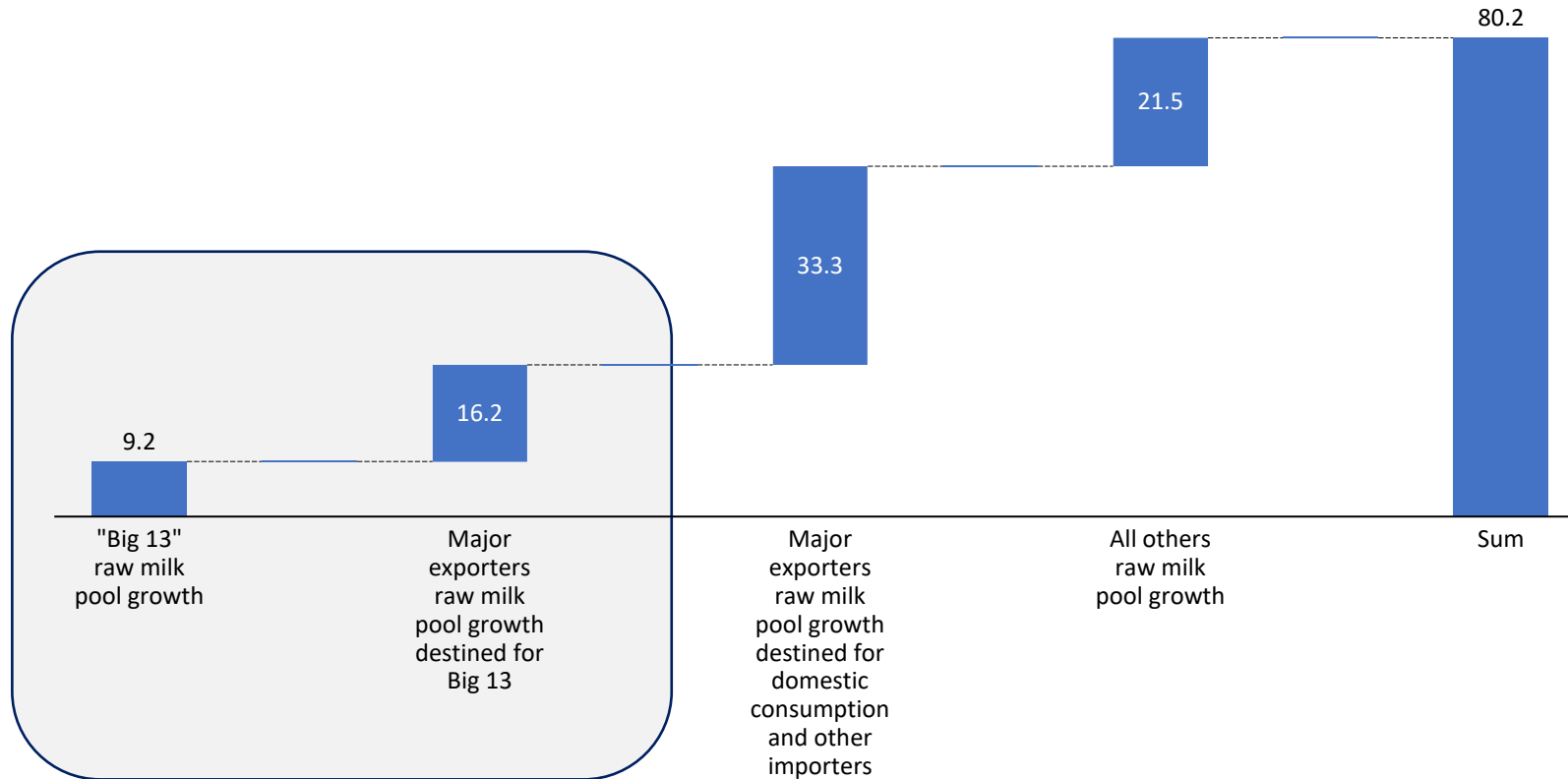
# The world raw milk pool from 2010 to 2021 (excl. IN/PAK) increased 80 bn kg/y. Only 9 bn kg/y growth in „Big 13“.



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World Raw Milk Pool growth (excluding India and Pakistan) by origin

For 2010 – 2021, in billion kg ECM



\*Major exporters: Australia, New Zealand, Uruguay, Argentina, EU-27, USA



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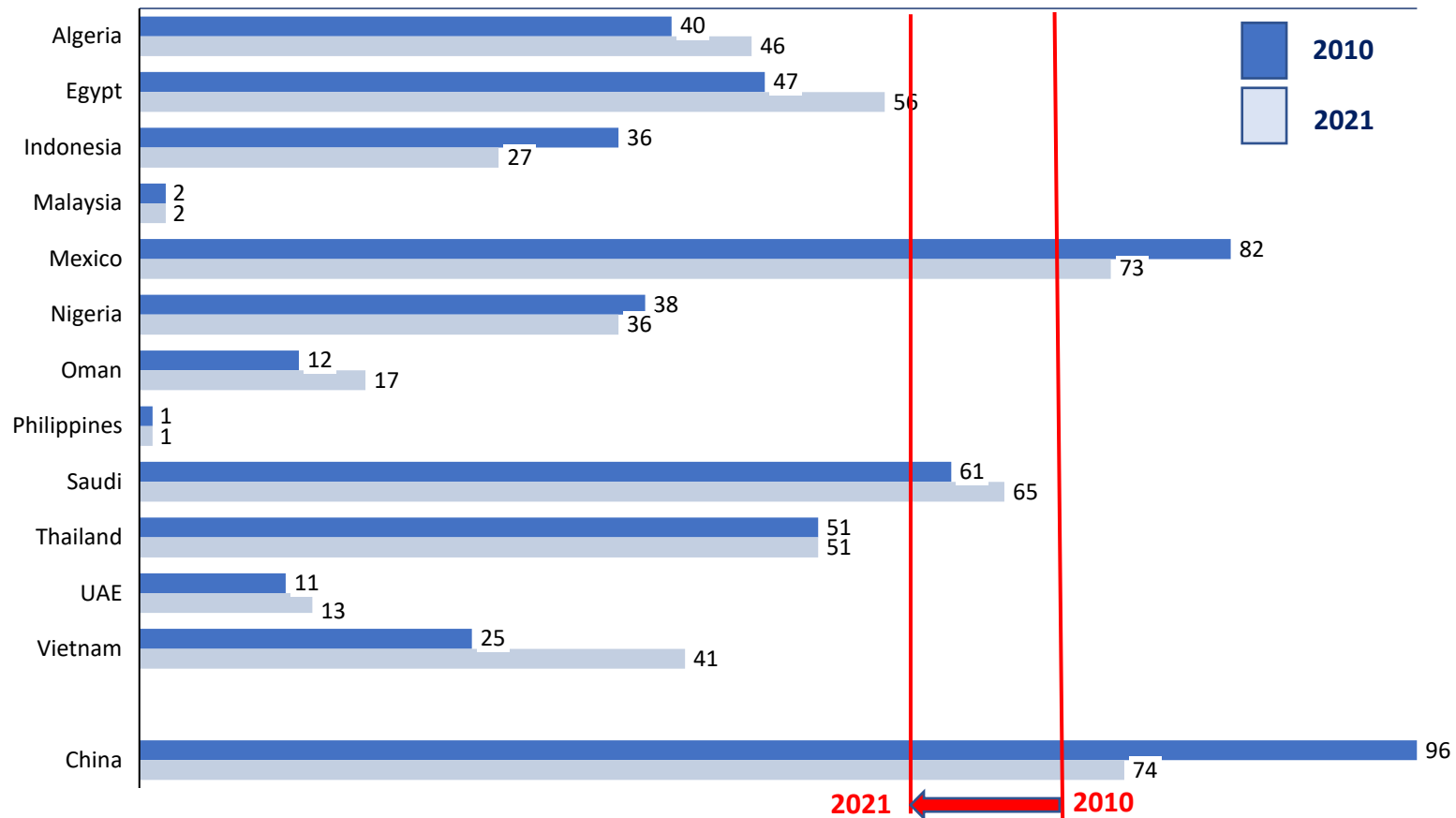
# Top-13 dairy self-sufficiency in the period 2010-2021 has dropped.



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Self-sufficiency for selected dairy importing countries' as % of their dairy consumption for 2010 and 2021

Expressed as %



\*Weighing factor is the 2021 population of the individual countries.



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## Churchill has a lesson on dairy self-sufficiency



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*“However beautiful the strategy,  
you should occasionally look  
at the results”*



Sir Winston Churchill



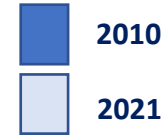
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# Top-13's ability to buy dairy in the period 2010-2021: % of GDP spent on dairy imports has been stable\*

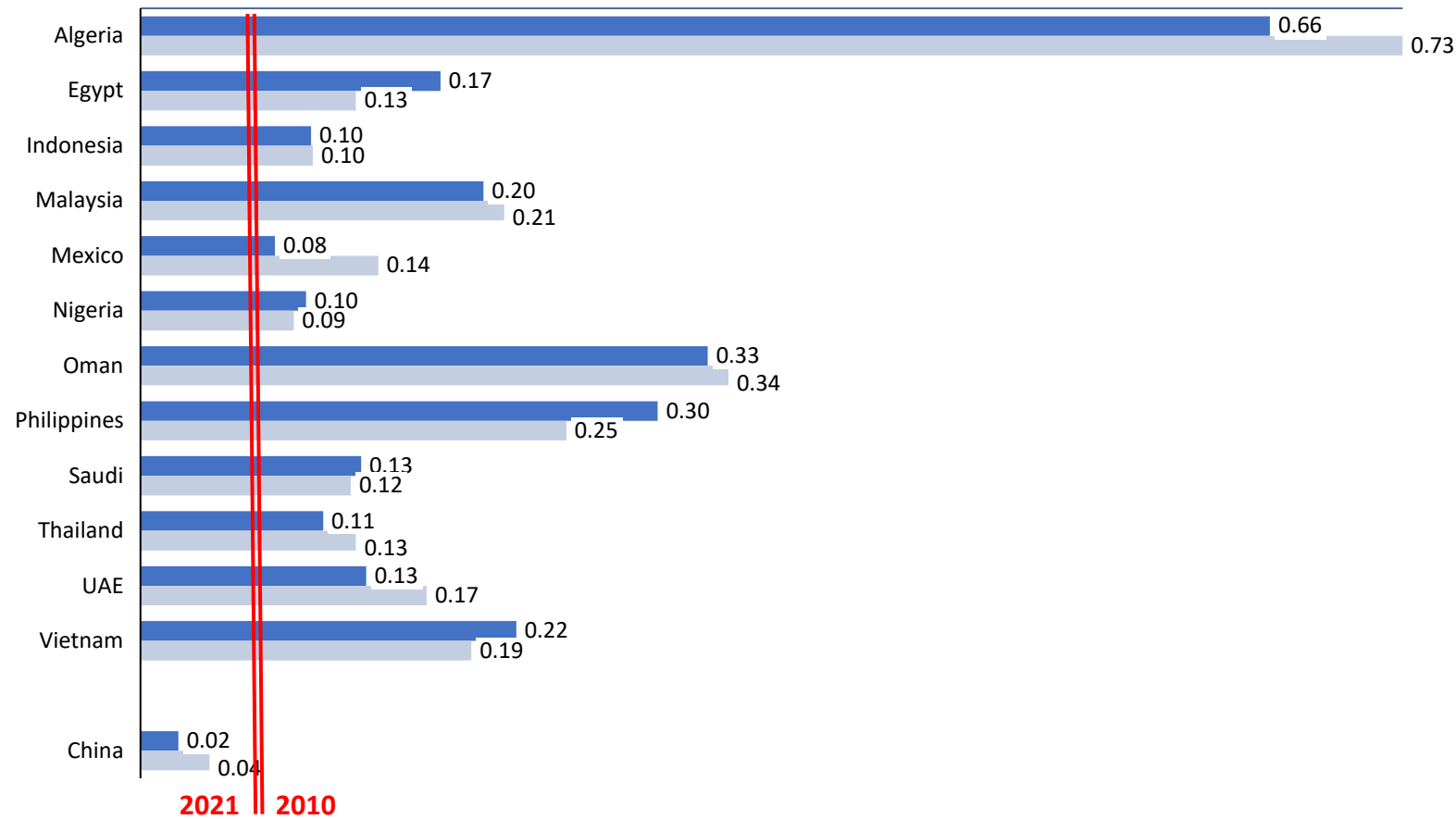


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Selected dairy importing countries' dairy spent\* as % of their GDP for 2010 and 2021



Expressed as %



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# Top-13 markets are not saturated: per capita consumption\* in LME in 2010-2021 has gone up with a CAGR of 2.3%.

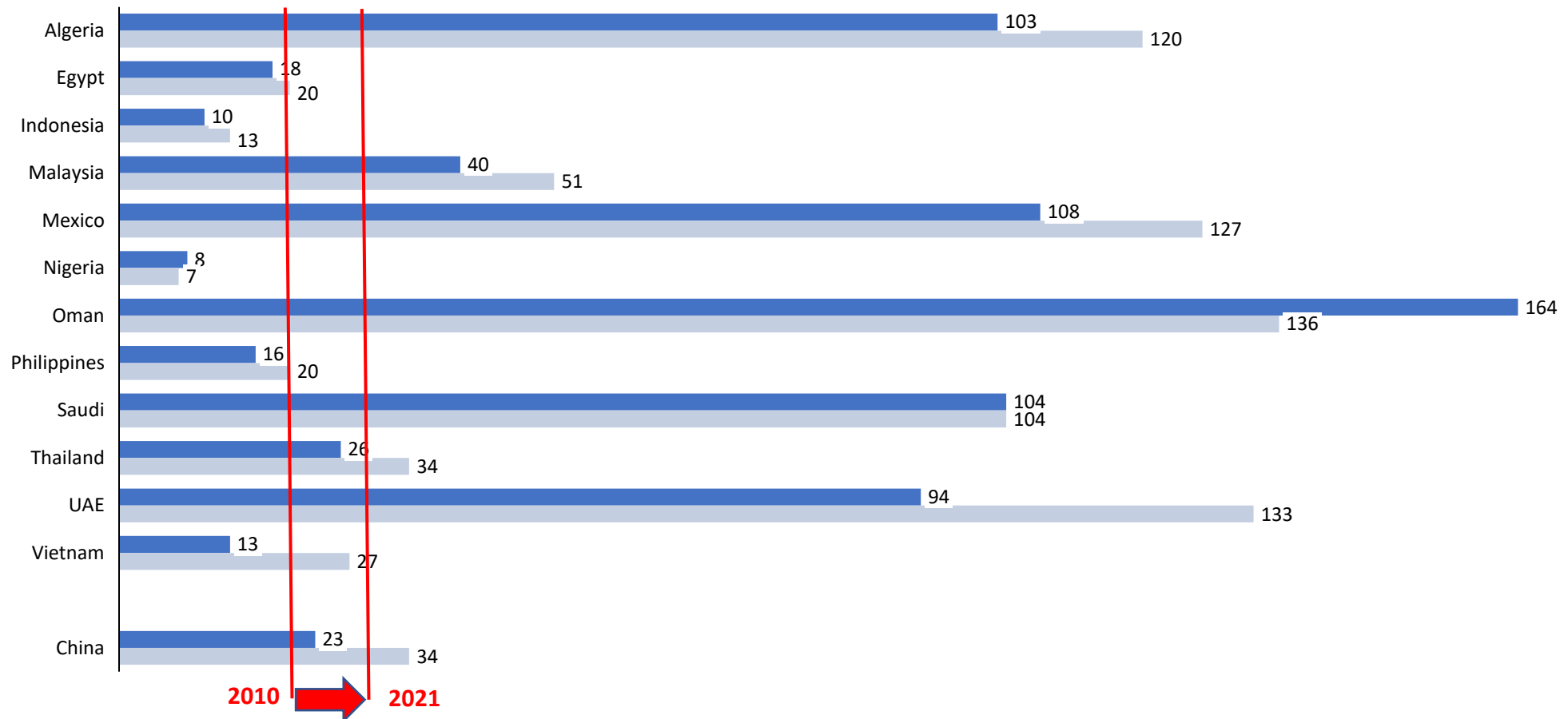


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Selected dairy importing countries' per capita consumption of dairy in 2010 and 2021

2010  
2021

Expressed in LME, ignoring imports other than SMP, WMP and cheese and exports



\*Weighing factor is the 2021 population of the individual countries.



## Dairy Importers' markets have proven remarkably strong

Six belief-myths debunked:

Dairy import volumes have grown in Net Importers as these countries...

- 1 - have **not experienced currency depreciation** against the US\$.
- 2 - have **developed a thriving middle class** for whom buying dairy is a staple.
- 3 - have a **population growth rate** which is becoming **moderate**.
- 4 - have **economically grown much faster** than The West.
- 5 - have develop a local dairy farming sector, but **self-sufficiency is down**.
- 6 - do **not show market saturation**, with especially cheese imports growing fast.





## A closer look at the Top-13 importers' markets developments

Six analyses on Top-13 importers' dairy markets:

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- The **total dairy volume** consumption growth by the Top-13 and the relevance of imports

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- The **population growth** and **per capita growth** as drivers of Top-13 importers

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- The **protein and fat component** imports by the Top-13

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- The **volume** respectively **mix growth** driving Top-13 value of imports

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- The **import value per kg LME** of the Top-13

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- The **value growth of imported dairy** compared to **GDP-growth** of the Top-13



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# Top-13 consumption up with over 6 kg/capita from 2010-2021

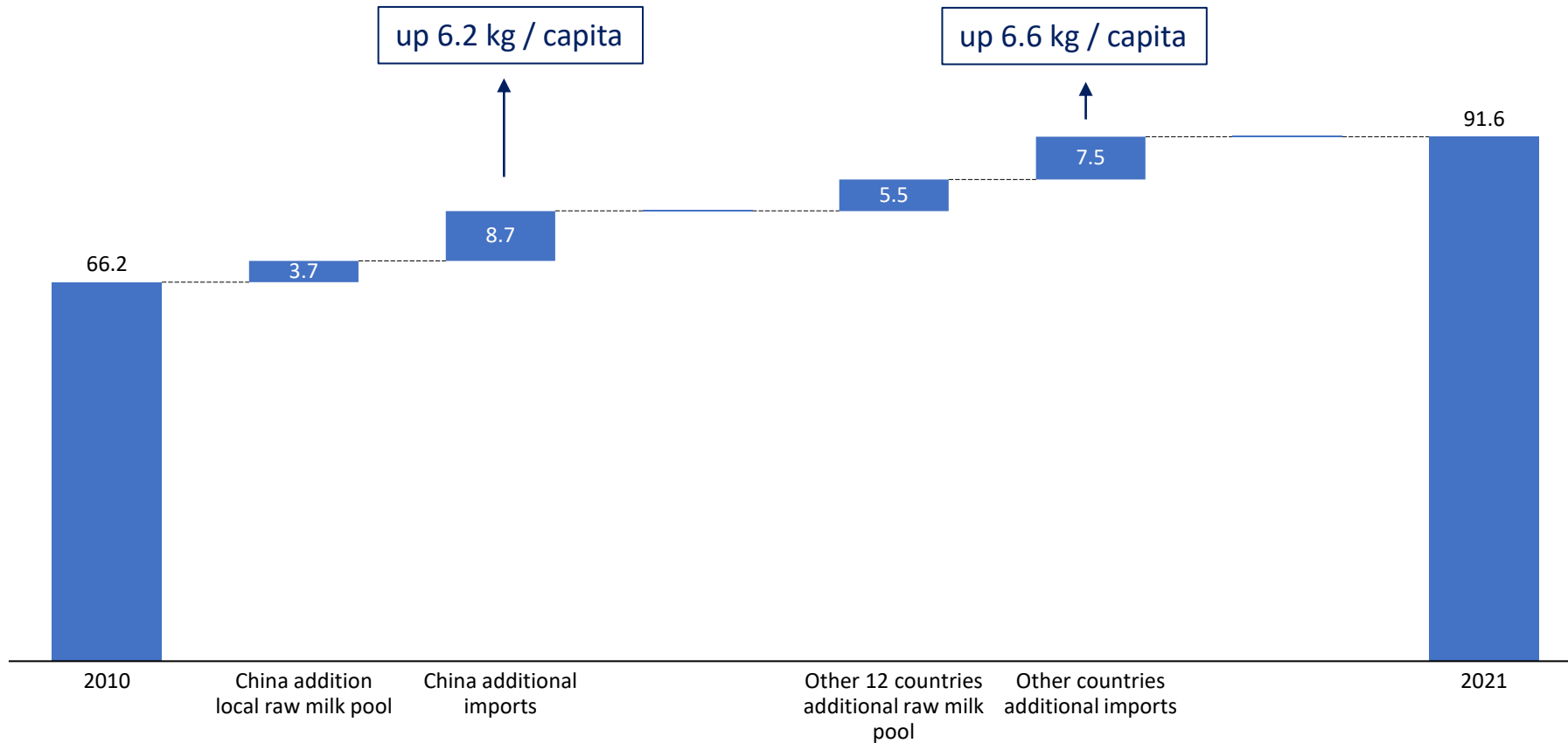
Total increase: 25.4 bn kg of which 64% imported.



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Dairy importing countries' consumption growth split from 2010 to 2021

in billion kg LME





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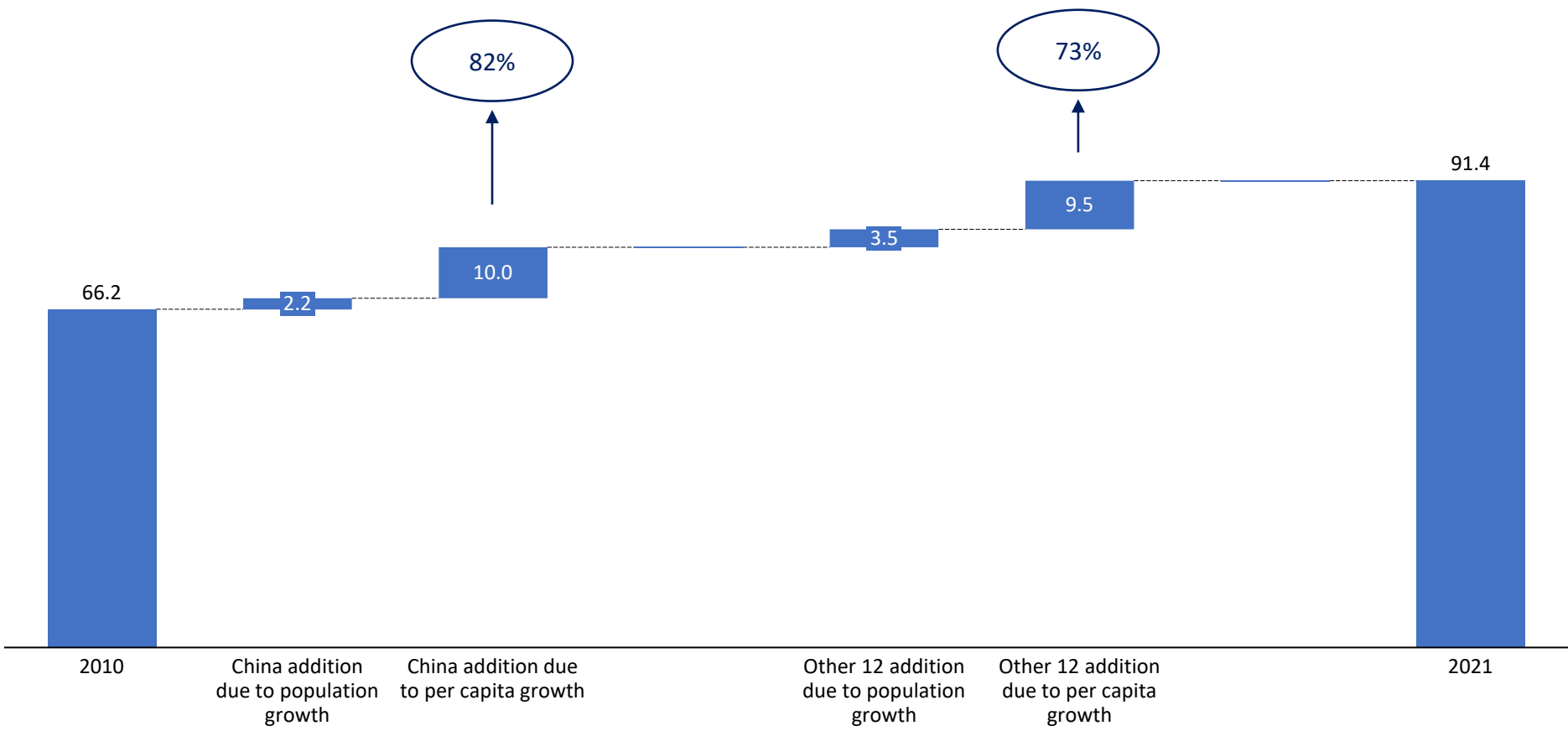
# Top-13 growth segmentation: *per capita growth* determines about 80% of the volume growth



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“Big 13” dairy importing countries’ total dairy consumption growth split from 2010 to 2021

in billion kg LME





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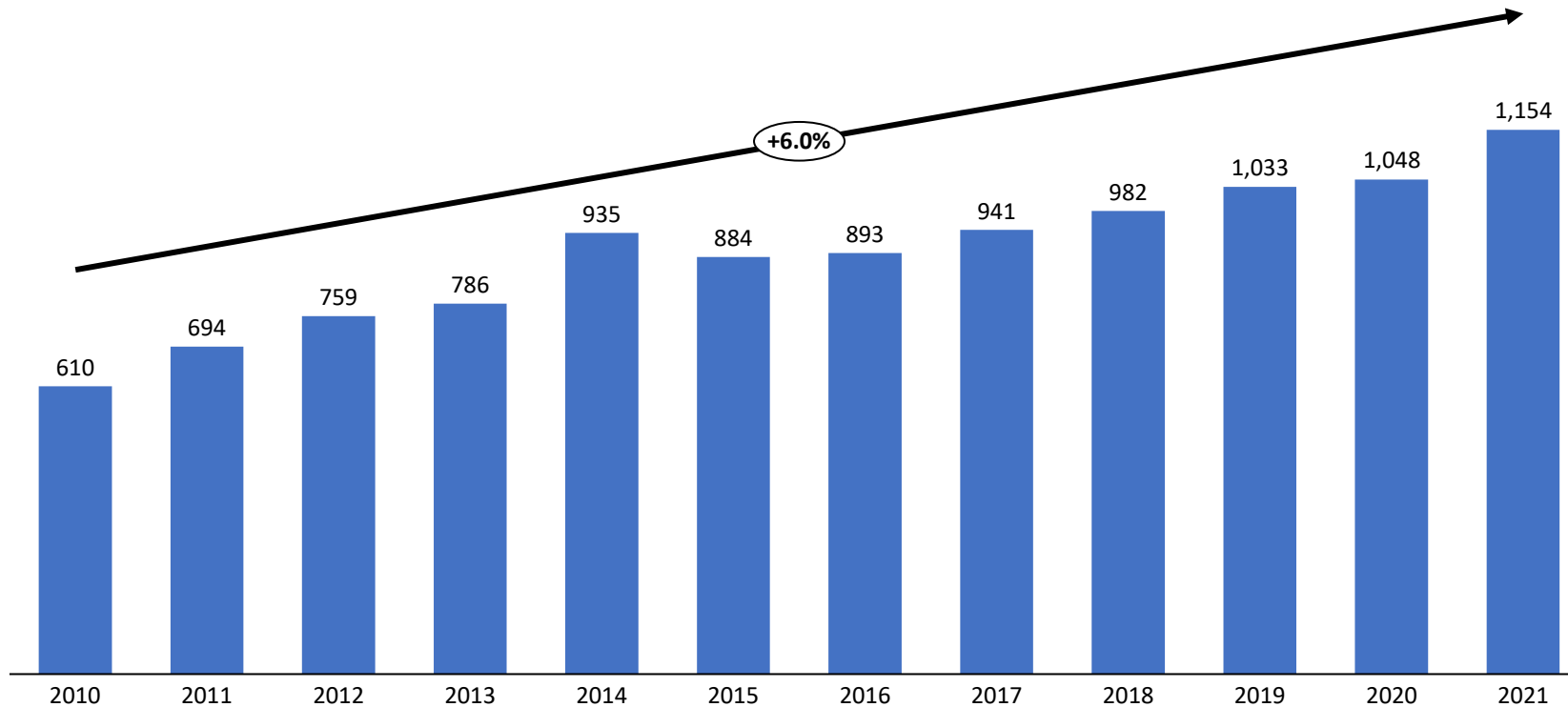
# Top-13 have increased their protein component in SMP, WMP and Cheese imports in 2010-2021 with a volume CAGR of 6%



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Dairy importing countries' consumption growth of **dairy protein** from 2010 to 2021

in kt





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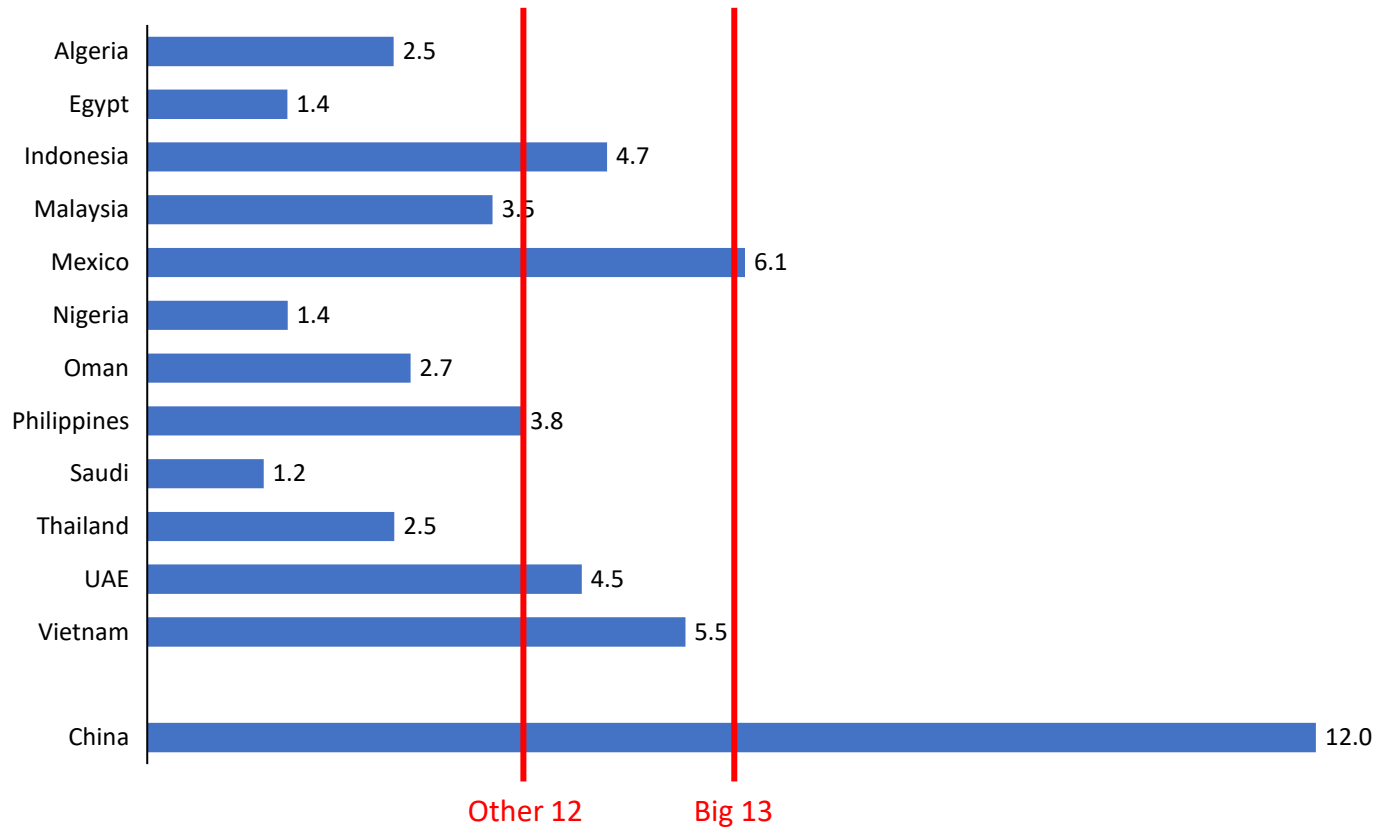
# Differences between countries are relevant in the case of protein volume imports' growth.



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Protein Component volume growth CAGR by country period 2010 to 2021

(%)





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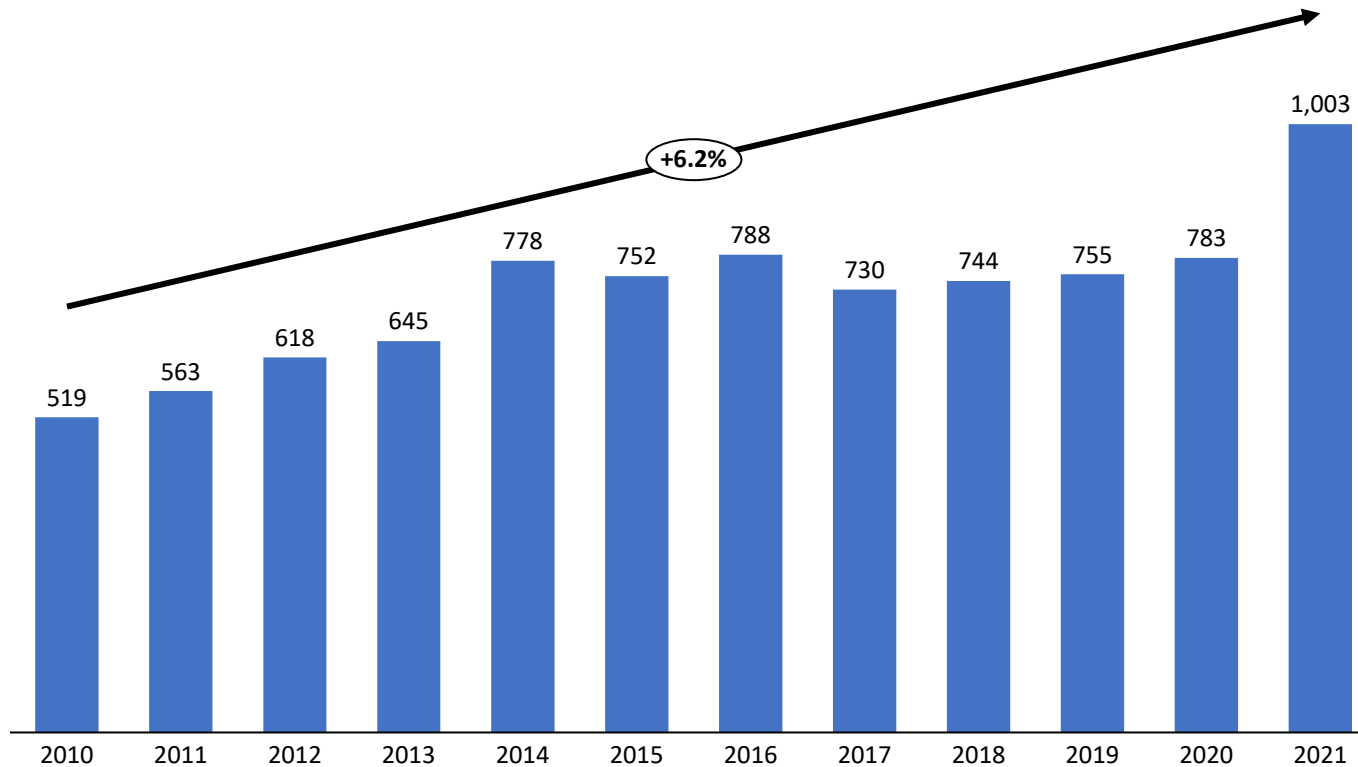
# Top-13 increased their fat component in butter (oil), WMP and Cheese imports in 2010-2021 with a volume CAGR of 6%



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Dairy importing countries' consumption growth of **total dairy fat (embedded and in butter (oil))** from 2010 to 2021

in kt





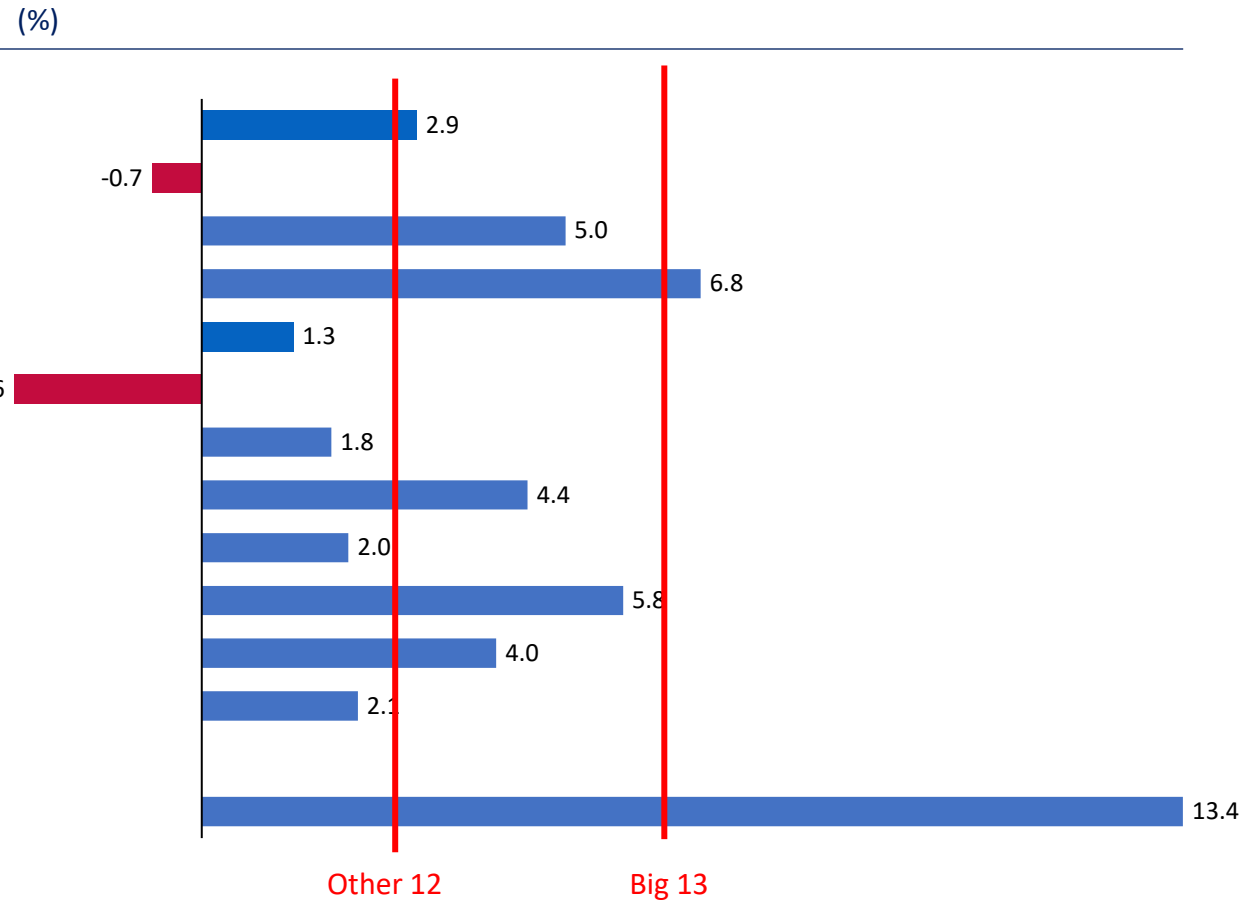
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## Top-13 imports of fat component in 2010 -2021. Again Chinese growth exceeds that of other markets



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All imported Fat Component volume growth CAGR by country period 2010 to 2021





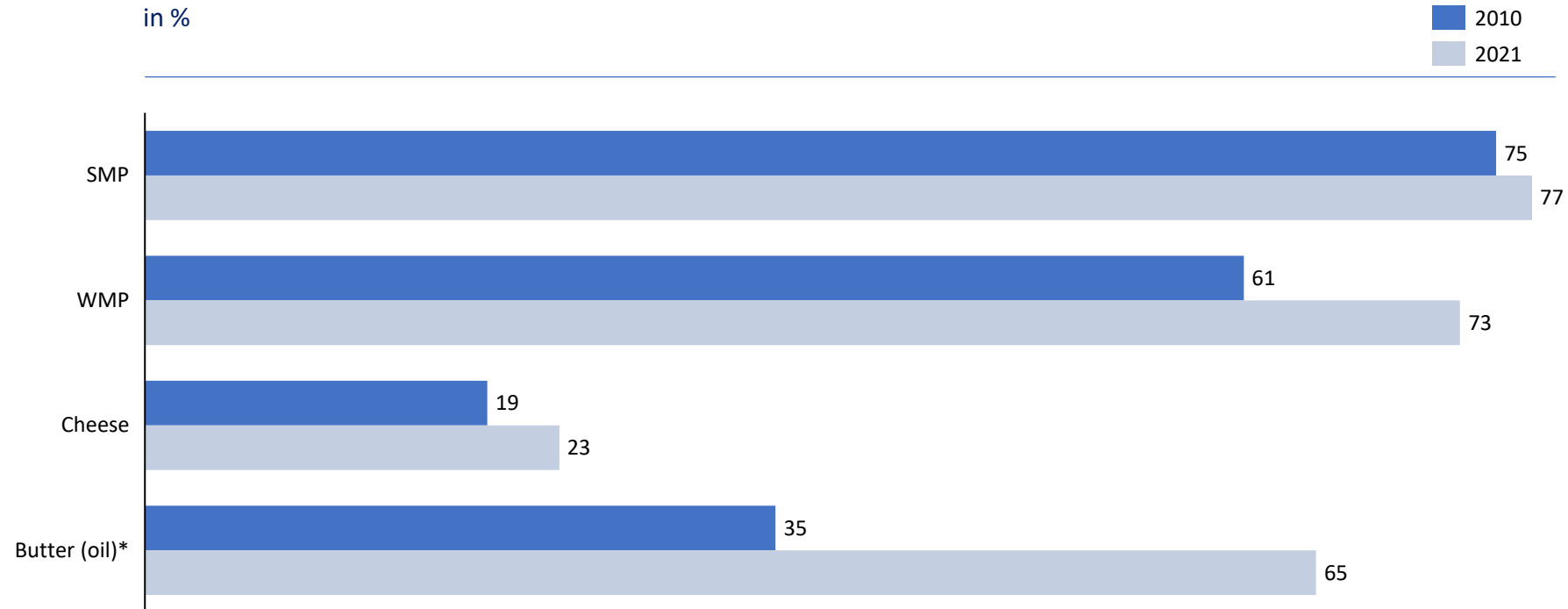
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## Top-13 absorb in 2010-2021 ever more of the ,world market' dairy volume

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Ratio of imports by "Top-13" of total world market imports by dairy commodity for 2010 and 2021

in %



\*Butter and Butter Oil have been added up and are expressed in butter equivalents.





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# Top-13 imports in volume absorbed 94% of all export volume growth by major dairy exporters

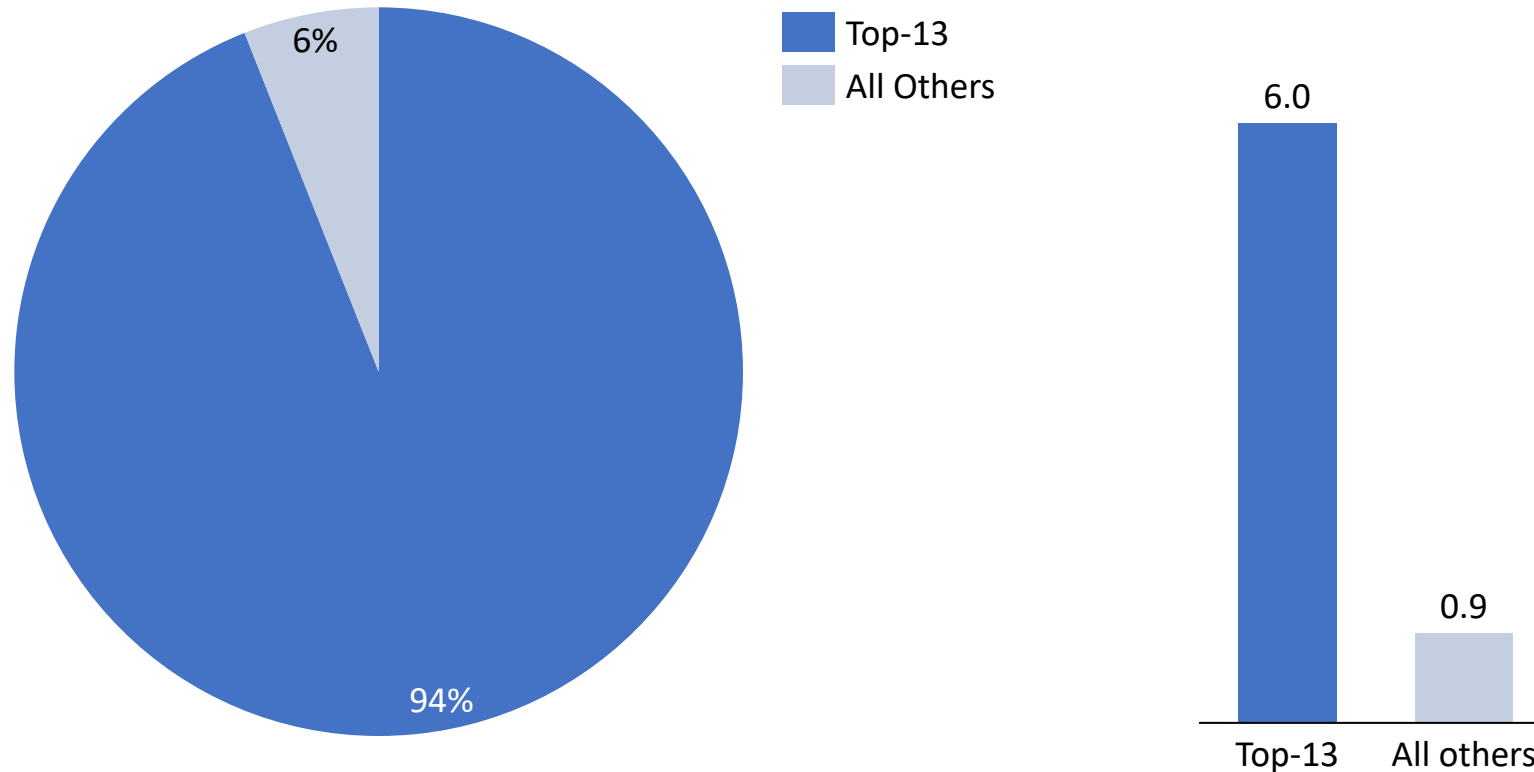


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Top-13 as export destination of 'volume growth of major exporters' in 2010 - 2021

in LME as % of total export growth of major exporters in 2010 – 2021

and expressed in volume growth CAGR





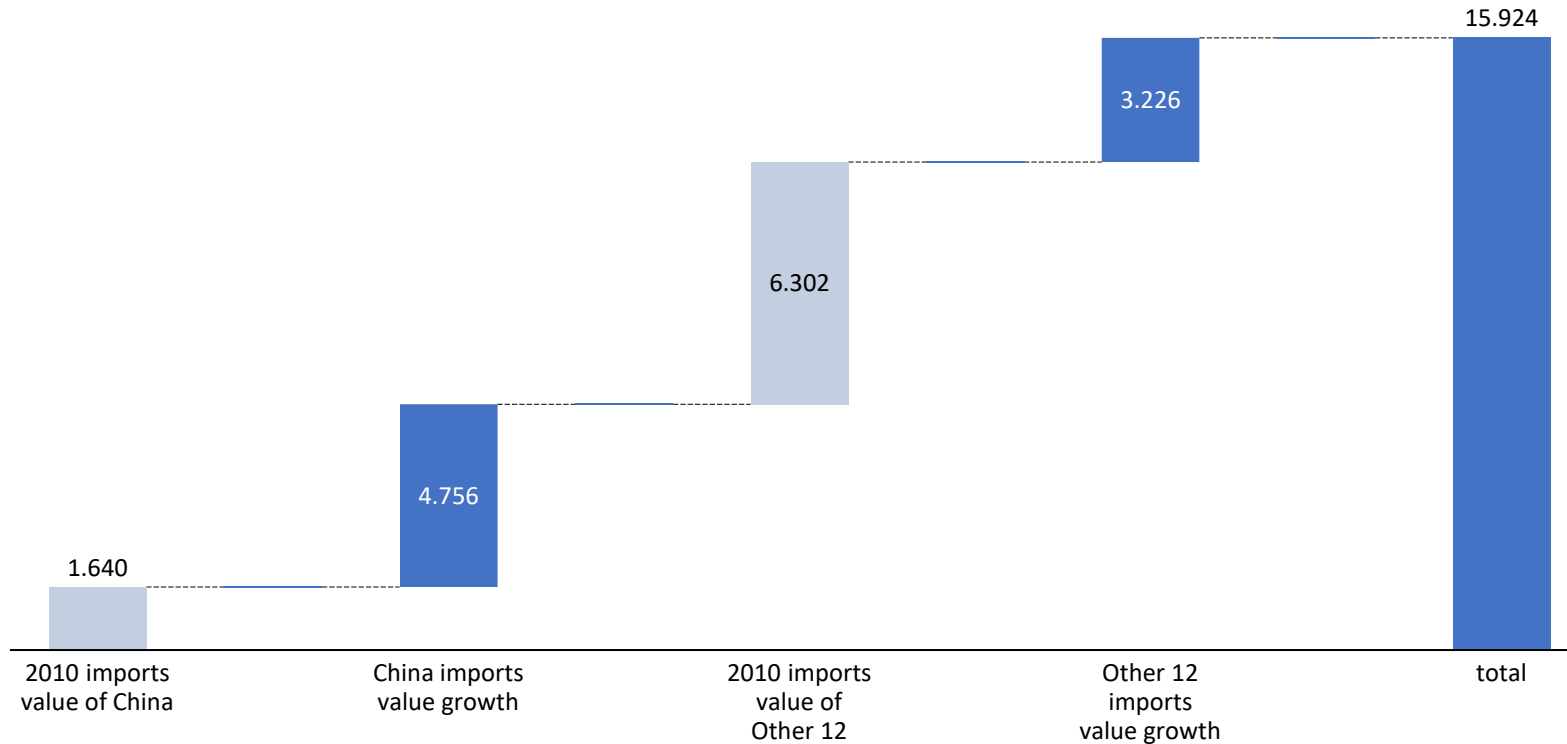
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## Top-13 imports absolute value growth in US\$ from 2010 to 2021; up ~ 8 bn US\$ i.e. CAGR 6.6%.

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Import value growth breakdown for China respectively the 'Other 12' from 2010 to 2021

in million US\$





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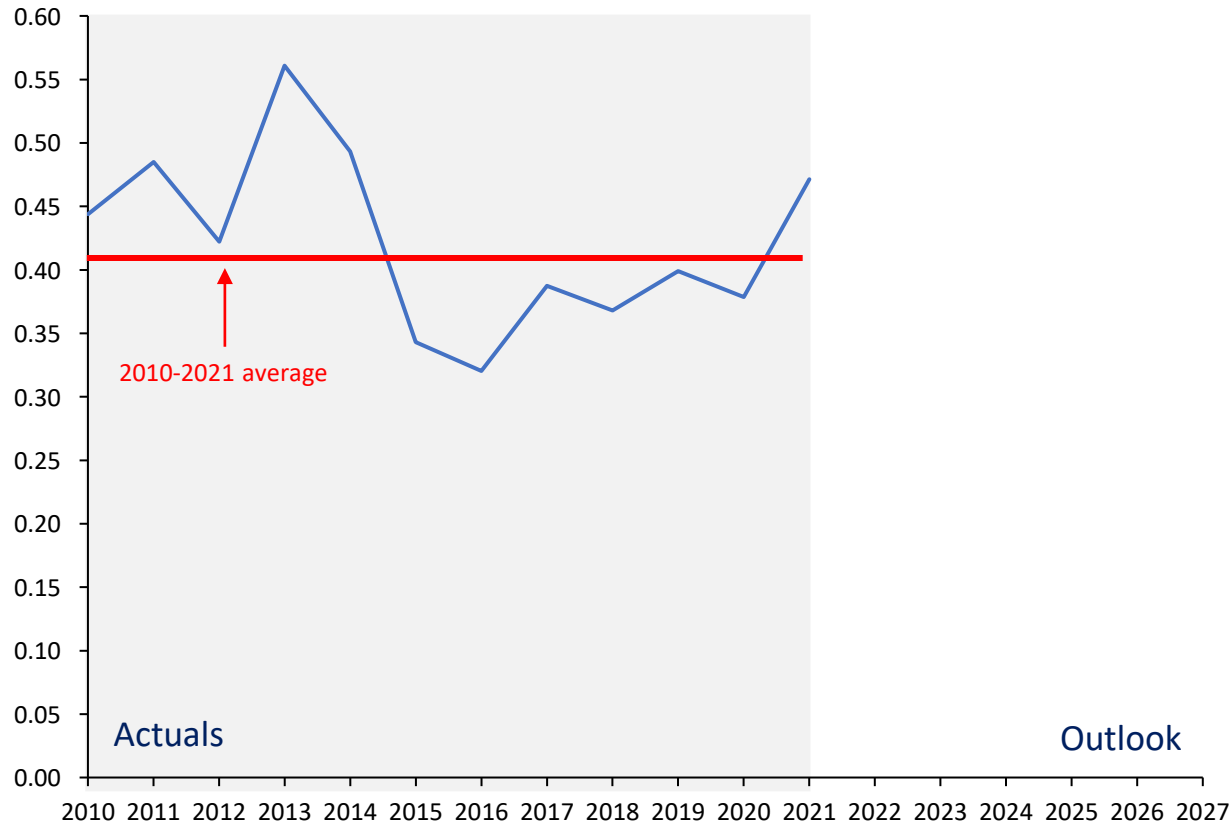
# Top-13 ratio of Import Value over Import Volume: the 'import value per kg LME'. in average it equaled \$ 0.42/kg.\*



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Dairy Import Value per kg LME for China and the "Other 12" countries together

in US\$ / kg LME for 2010 - 2021



\*This unit value is de facto based on milk with 3.3% protein, 3.0% fat plus processor conversion cost.



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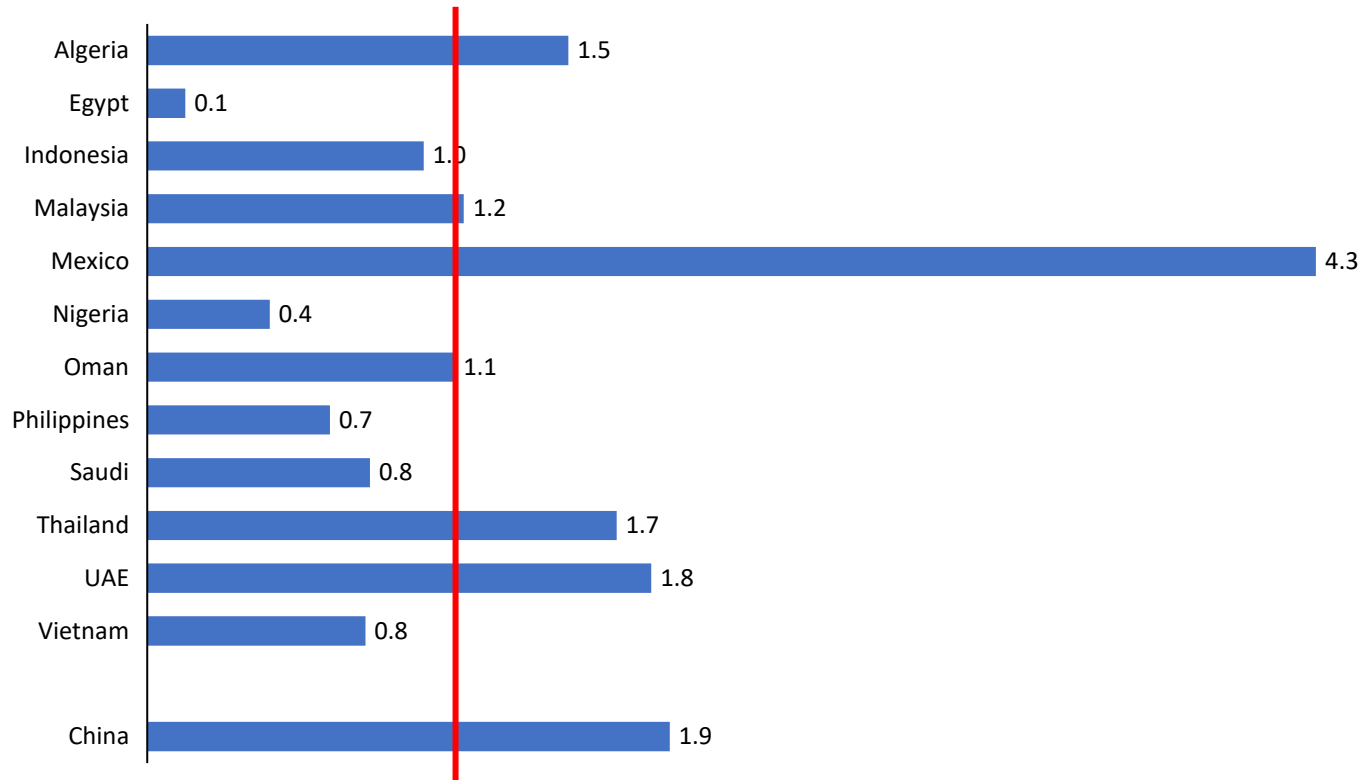
# The value growth rate of imports of Top-13 as multiple of their GDP growth rate: for 2010-2021: weighted average equals 1.1.



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Import value growth CAGR by country over GDP growth CAGR by country period 2010 to 2021

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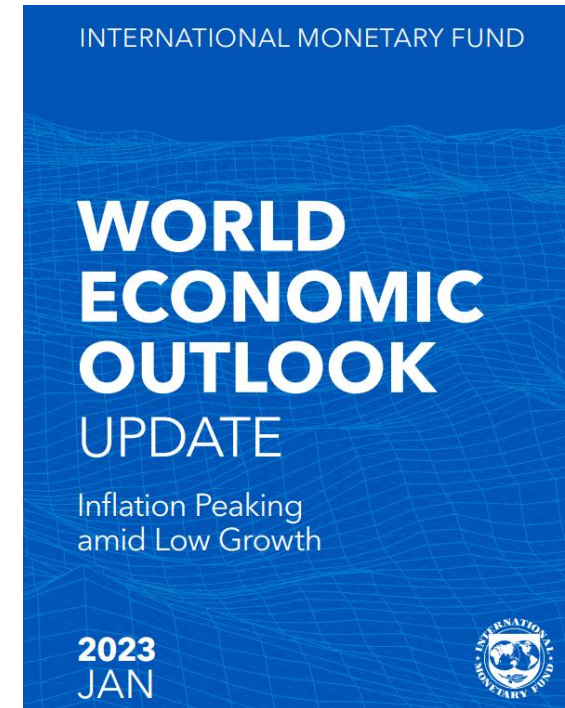
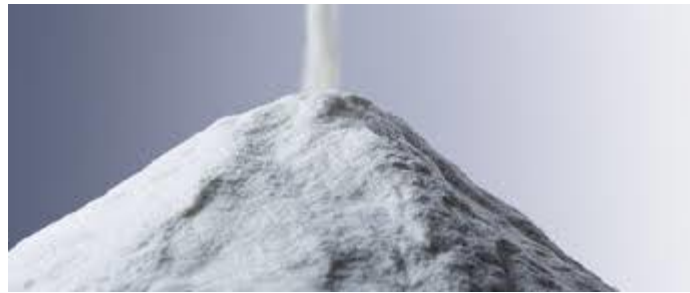
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# Turning a GDP Outlook into a Dairy Import Value Outlook for the Top-13 major dairy importers (in *constant* US\$ of 2015)



Assumption: Top-13 Dairy Import Value growth (US\$) = 1.1 GDP growth (real US\$)



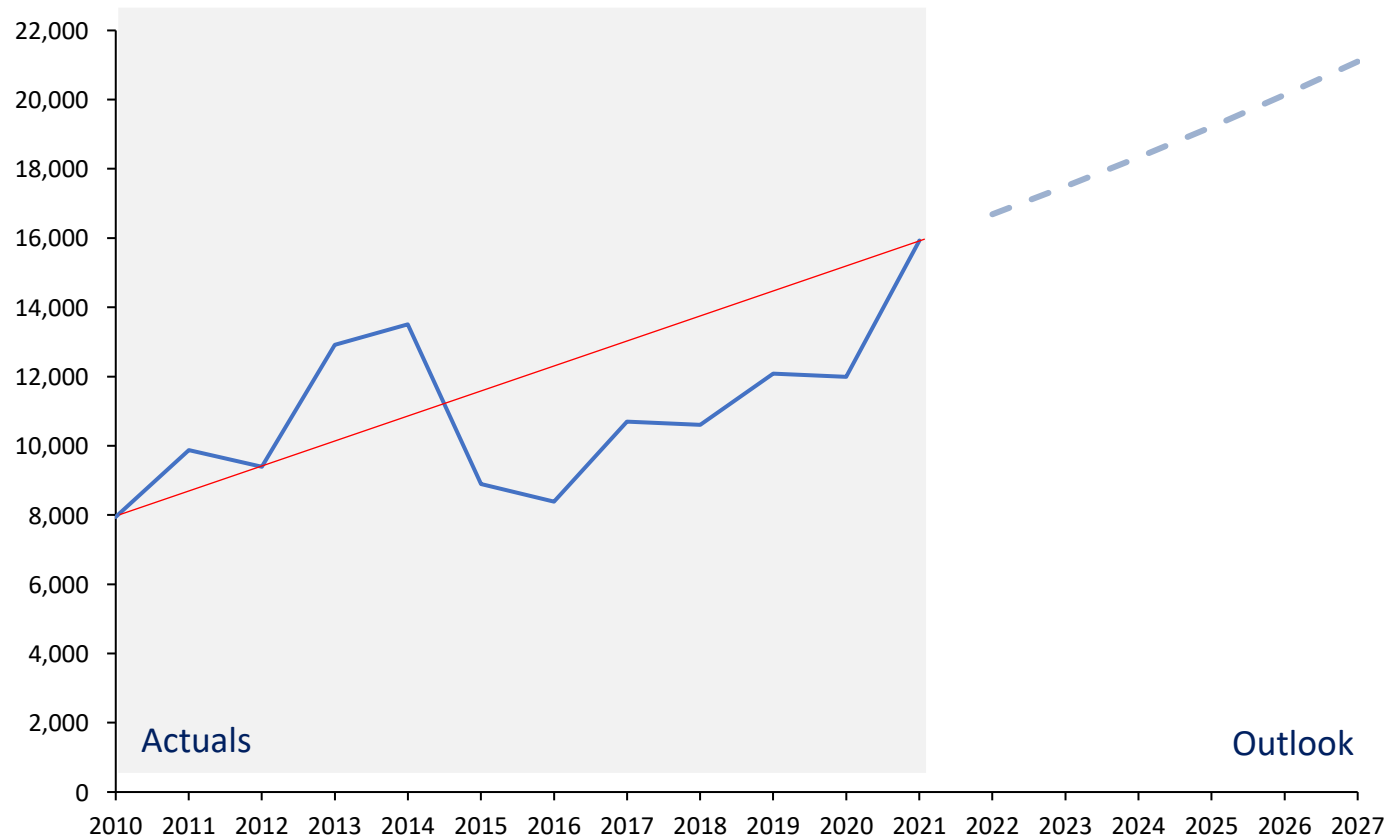
# The Outlook for Dairy Import Value of Top-13 major dairy importers (in constant US\$ of 2015)



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Dairy Import Value for China and the "Other 12" countries together

in constant US\$ millions (2015)





# We define five scenarios for the World Dairy Market 2022-2027

## Assumptions

For all scenarios: We use the Import Dairy Value Growth Outlook of the Top-13.  
We assume a stable raw milk pool (world excl. IN/PAK) from 2021 to 2027.  
We assume the 'major exporters' raw milk pool to decline from 2021 to 2027 with -0.3% CAGR\*.

Sharp down

Scenario 1: Top-13 imports in volume go down with 1.4% CAGR from 2022 to 2027. This scenario expects that within Western (exporting countries') markets will pull even harder than the Top-13 on the anticipated, globally scarce raw milk pool

Modest decline

Scenario 2: Top-13 imports in LME drop with CAGR 0.7% vol.

Volume stable

Scenario 3: Top-13 imports in LME remain stable in volume in time

Half the growth

Scenario 4: Top-13 imports in LME will be growing with a CAGR of 3%, so, half of 2010-2021 level

Maintain growth

Scenario 5: Top-13 imports remain growing in LME with the CAGR of 2010-2021: 6%





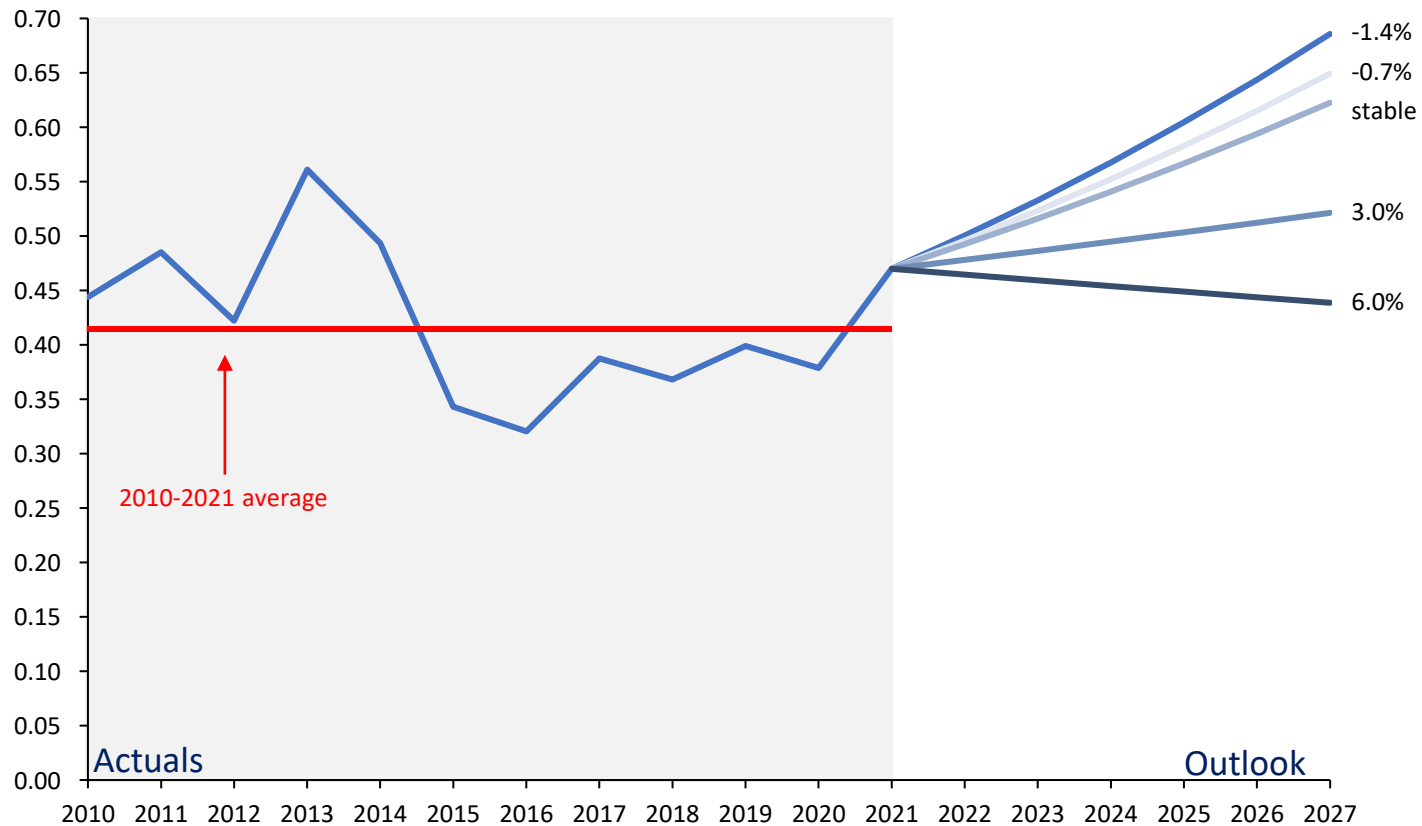
# Outlook: a structural increase of dairy import unit value potential of the Top-13 in *constant* 2015 US dollars



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Dairy Import Value per kg LME for Top-13 countries together

In **constant 2015 US\$ / kg LME** for 2010 – 2027. Actuals up to 2021, “potential” for 2022-2027



The less they buy in volume, the more they can afford to pay per unit of volume bought



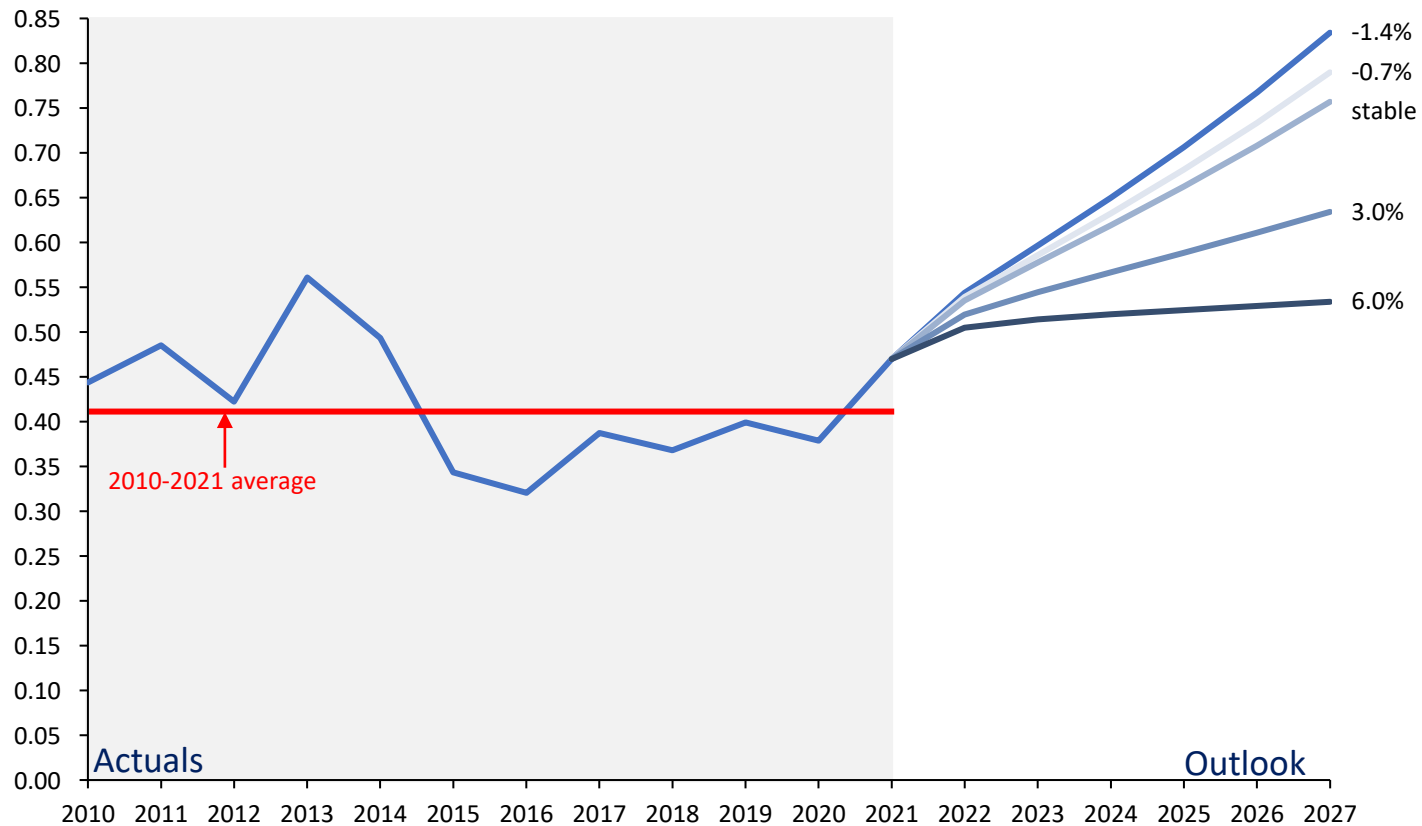
# Outlook: Top-13 import unit value in *real US\$* when assuming the IMF inflation estimate for 2022-2027 for the US\$



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Dairy Import Value per kg LME for China and the "Other 12" countries together

In actual US\$ / kg LME for 2010 – 2027. Actuals up to 2021, "potential" for 2022-2027





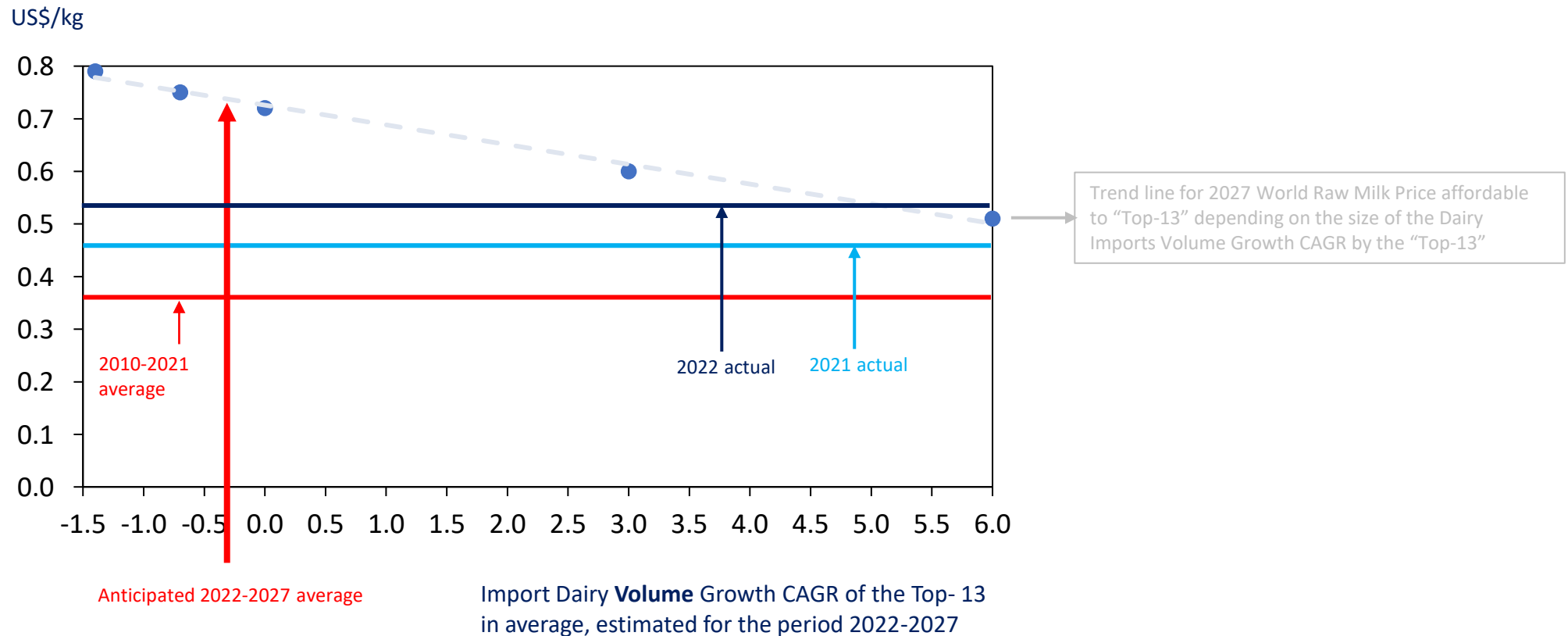
# Outlook: the lower the Top-13 import volume CAGR for 22-27 the higher the 2027 unit value the Top-13 can afford to pay



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World Raw Milk Price by 2027 (blue dots) for different levels of the Import Dairy Volume CAGR of the "Big 13" that the "Big 13" **would be able to afford** (≠ what the price will be!)

in actual US\$ per kg





## Outlook for world dairy towards 2027: scarcity and prolonged high prices. Battle for milk will be global

- Dairy market globally will remain cyclical. There is always noise on the signal trend.
- The trend line, however, remains sharply up.
- Key driver no. 1 is **strengthening demand**:  
  
strong economic growth / population growth in the Top-13 major dairy importing countries
- Key driver no. 2 is **constrained global supply**:
  - Environmental constraints in major dairy exporters (NZ, EU)
  - Farmer demography in major dairy exporters
  - Slow dairy development in current major importers (e.g., water scarcity in ME, droughts...)



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## **Outlook in layman's terms for world dairy market for towards 2027: scarcity and prolonged high prices as the battle for milk will be global**

### Implications:

- Global scarcity of cow's milk
- Dairy commodity and milk prices grow (trendline) faster than inflation
- Dairy will become unaffordable to ever more consumers globally
- With EU and NZ as exporters being restrained, US opportunity to export more dairy



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