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# Global Copper Market Daily Pulse

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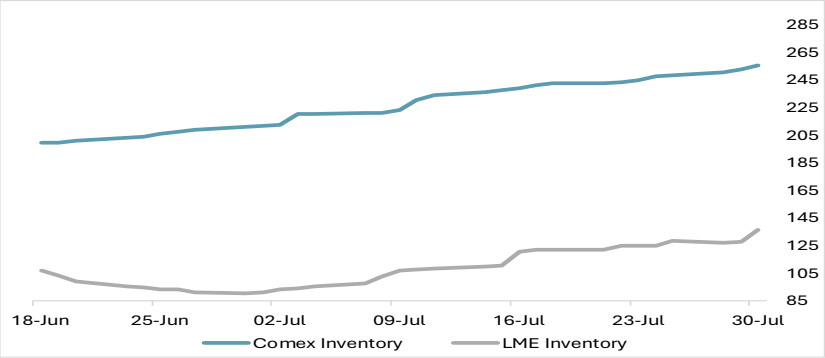
### Copper in Local Currencies

	30-Jul	29-Jul	% Change	YTD % Chg.
LME 3M	9699	9798	-1.02	10.61
CME	5.5860	5.6035	-0.31	37.59
MCX	897.6	899.6	-0.22	12.80
SHFE	79070	78980	0.11	7.14

### Copper in US \$ (Without Duty in MT)

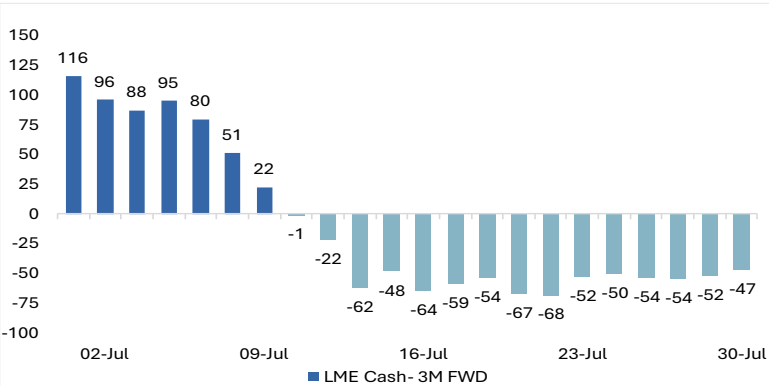
	30-Jul	29-Jul	% Change	YTD % Chg.
LME 3M	9699	9798	-1.02	10.61
CME	12315	12354	-0.31	37.59
MCX	10267	10362	-0.92	10.46
SHFE	10986	11004	-0.17	8.66

### Comex vs LME Global Inventory ('000)



Exchange Inventory (MT)				
LME	30-Jul	29-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	136850	127625	9225	-134550
CME	30-Jul	29-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	255948	253431	2517	236598
MCX	29-Jul	28-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	1107	1062	45	274
SHFE	25-Jul	18-Jul	Change	YTD Chg.
	73423	84556	-11133	-749

### LME Cash - 3M FWD Spread



### Why COMEX Copper Prices Fell Sharply?

#### Key Trigger:

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) issued a clarification on import tariffs, revealing that refined copper (cathodes) will not be included in the new round of tariffs.

Traders had earlier bet on a supply squeeze and tariff-driven price hike, expecting import restrictions on refined copper, which boosted COMEX premiums and prices in recent weeks.

**Immediate Market Reaction:** When the exclusion of refined copper was announced, it completely reversed the bullish narrative. Copper futures on COMEX plunged nearly 19%, falling from above \$5.55/lb to a low of around \$4.50/lb, within a few hours during after-hours trading.

**Other Contributing Factors:** The sudden unwind of speculative long positions added momentum to the sell-off. Traders who had bought copper in anticipation of tariffs rushed to exit their trades, creating a flash-crash-like movement.

**Context:** The U.S. had been reviewing tariffs as part of its broader trade and industrial policy with China. Many copper traders believed cathodes would be part of new duties, which would shift demand to U.S.-sourced metal and support COMEX prices. The clarification undermined that assumption.

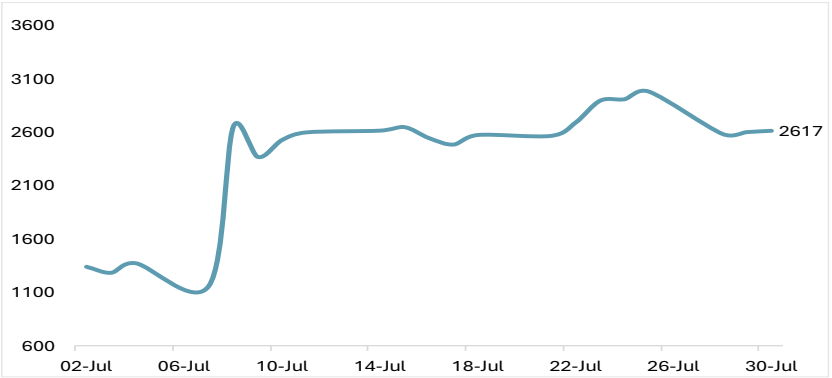
#### Summary:

COMEX copper crashed because the expected U.S. tariffs on imported refined copper did not materialize, dashing bullish expectations and triggering a massive unwinding of speculative positions.

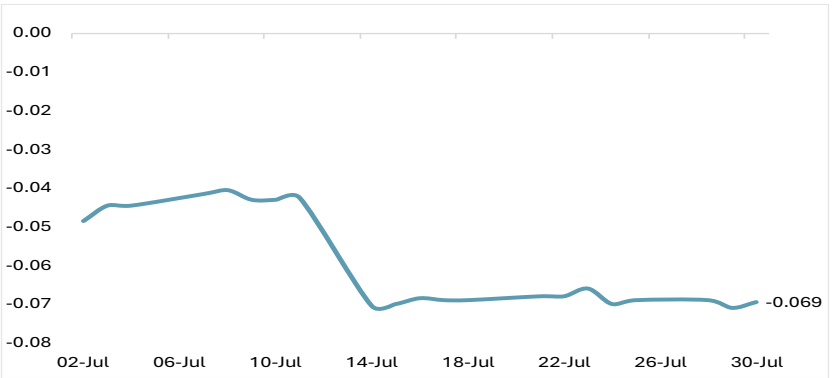
**Market Strategy:** The COMEX/LME copper spread has narrowed significantly and is likely to remain suppressed in the near term. Currently, the 3-month forward LME copper price stands at \$9,680, with potential to decline further toward \$9,553 amid ongoing market turbulence, a strengthening U.S. dollar, and weakness in gold prices. The \$9,550–\$9,500 range is a key technical support zone; any decisive break below this could signal a short-term trend reversal. In the interim, traders should monitor this level closely, hedge existing exposures, and consider fresh long positions near the support with appropriate stop-loss measures, as inventory levels appear oversold.

Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

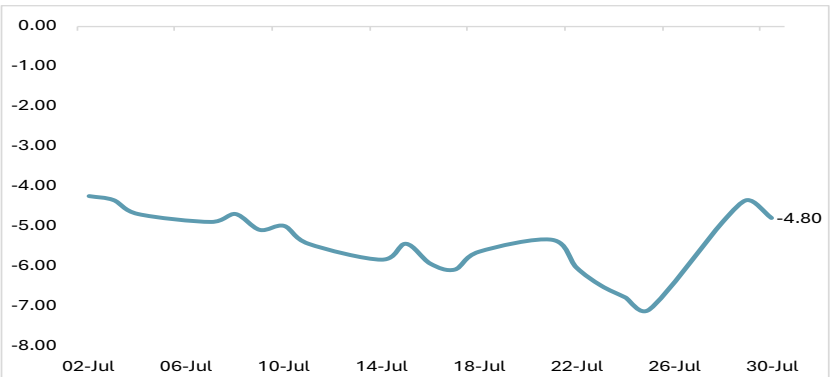
### CME Sep LME 3M Spread



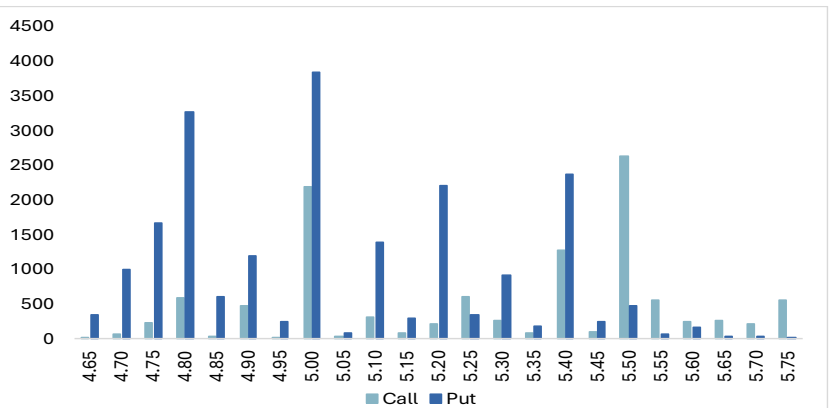
### CME Near-Next Spread



### MCX Near - Next Spread



### CME Sep Month Option Distribution



The chart mentioned here is based on a closing basis, and it appears that the intraday spread might have gone down sharply as the CME price dropped by over 19%

CME Calendar Spread is in negative/Contango- No major change in the spread

MCX Calendar Spread in negative/Contango, appeared low from the recent high of Rs. 7.50

Maximum OI is at 5 Put and 6 Call. Put addition at 5.10 and 5.20, Call writing at 6.10

**Technical Analysis:** For today, we are keeping the CME Cu price chart to show how the tariff call has pulled the CME copper price down by 18 to 19%



Economic Calendar				
Country	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
EC	Unemployment Rate	Jun	6.30%	6.30%
India	Fiscal Deficit YTD INR	Jun	--	132b
US	Challenger Job Cuts YoY	Jul	--	-1.60%
US	Core PCE Price Index YoY	Jun	2.70%	2.70%
US	Initial Jobless Claims	26-Jul	224k	217k
US	Continuing Claims	19-Jul	1955k	1955k
US	MNI Chicago PMI	Jul	42	40.4
Japan	BOJ Target Rate	31-Jul	0.50%	0.50%

LME 3M FWD Copper	
Close	9,699
Pivot	9,732
Supt.2	9,587
Supt.1	9,643
Resi.1	9,788
Resi.2	9,877

## Ratio Analysis

Ratio	Last	1 Day	5 Day	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Copper/Gold	2.95	2.93	2.93	3.04	2.77	3.22	3.61
Copper/Silver	259.93	255.09	252.84	278.34	279.56	287.77	304.86
Copper/Platinum	7.35	7.00	6.98	7.39	9.40	9.17	9.03
Copper/Crude	131.78	134.41	142.79	148.66	144.46	117.36	109.55
Copper/SPX	1.52	1.53	1.55	1.62	1.64	1.48	1.63
Copper/Alumi.	3.72	3.74	3.73	3.87	3.84	3.43	4.10
Copper/Steel	11.22	11.14	11.28	11.42	10.53	12.31	13.28
Copper/Nickel	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.67	0.60	0.59	0.56
Copper/Zinc	3.47	3.48	3.45	3.67	3.57	3.29	3.44
Copper/LMEX	2.31	2.32	2.32	2.38	2.32	2.27	2.26
Copper/DXY	96.69	98.56	101.44	103.74	91.67	83.13	84.95
Copper/Tesla	30.25	30.34	29.70	31.64	32.32	22.51	39.72

Dark shade = Copper outperformance; Light shade = Copper underperformance