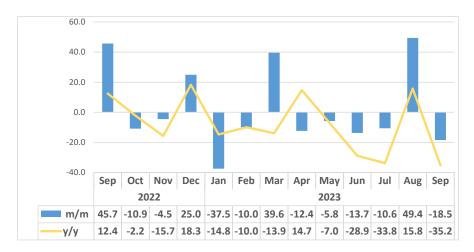


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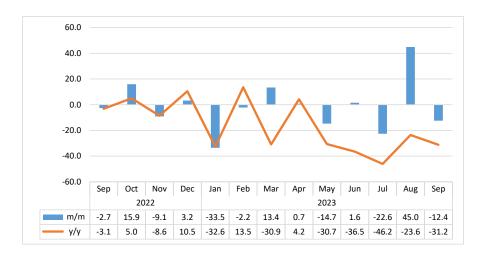


**Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change** 



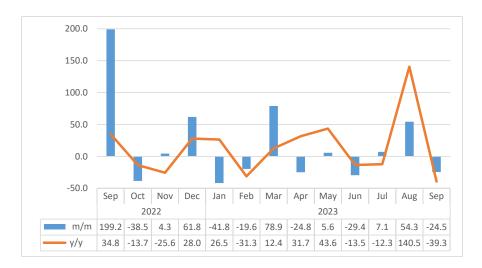
- The Composite Beverage Production Index consisting of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for September 2023 recorded a monthly decline of 18.5 percent, compared to a growth of 49.4 percent recorded in August 2023. Moreover, on an annual basis, the index declined by 35.2 percent (Chart 1).
- The decline in the monthly index was recorded in both production indices of alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic which decreased during the month under review.
- In September 2023, beverage production stood at 250 320 hectolitres, which is a decrease from 306 973 hectolitres recorded in August 2023 and 386 488 hectolitres recorded in September 2022.

**Chart 2: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change** 



- The Alcoholic Beverage Production Index recorded a monthly decline of 12.4 percent in September 2023, compared to a growth of 45.0 percent recorded a month earlier. Similarly, on annual basis the index declined by 31.2 (Chart 2).
- The production of alcoholic beverages in September 2023 was 134 891 hectolitres down from 154 030 hectolitres recorded in August 2023, and 196 189 hectolitres registered in the corresponding period of 2022.

**Chart 3: Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change** 



- In September 2023, the **Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** recorded monthly decline of 24.5 percent, in contrast to a growth of 54.3 percent posted in the preceding month. Moreover, the index registered a decline of 39.3 percent year-on-year (Chart 3).
- A total of 115 429 hectolitres of non-alcoholic beverages were produced, down from 152 943 hectolitres and 190 299 hectolitres that was recorded in August 2023 and September 2022, respectively.

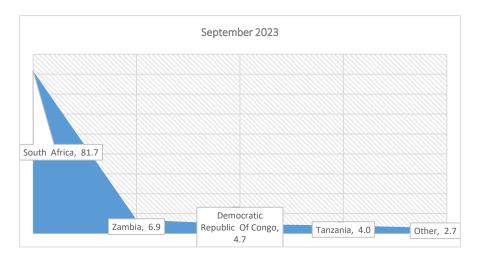
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**Chart 4: Beverage Export Composite Index, Percentage Change<sup>1</sup>** 



- The **Beverage Export Composite Index** for September 2023 recorded a growth of 122.0 percent on a monthly basis, compared to a decline of 64.3 percent recorded in the preceding month. However, the index recorded a decline of 72.0 percent on an annual basis (Chart 4).
- In September 2023, 15 136 hectolitres of beverage was exported, up from 6 817 hectolitres registered in August 2023 while 53 993 hectolitres was exported in September 2022.
- For the same period, Namibia exported 15 030 hectolitres of alcoholic beverages, of which beer accounted for 82.7 percent share (12 431 hectolitres).

**Chart 5: Export of Beverages by Partner Country, Percentage Share** 



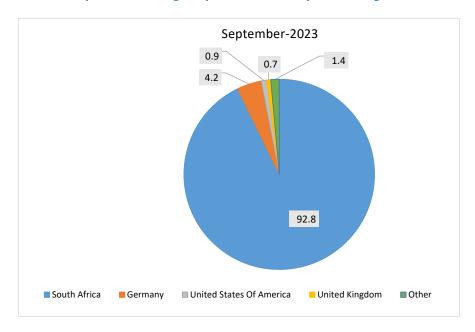
 South Africa (81.7%) was the top export destination for beverages, followed by Zambia (6.9%) in second place, Democratic Republic of Congo (4.7%) was in third place and Tanzania with a share of 4.0 percent in fourth position (Chart 5).

**Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change** 



- The **Beverage Import Composite Index** for September 2023 recorded a monthly increase of 4.8 percent lower than an increase of 8.2 percent recorded in the preceding month. However, the index declined by 34.7 percent annually (Chart 6).
- For the period under review, Namibia imported 83 958 hectolitres of beverages, compared to 80 095 hectolitres registered in August 2023 and 128 639 hectolitres posted in September 2022.

**Chart 7: Import of Beverages by Partner Country, Percentage Share** 



 During September 2023, South Africa remained the top primary source of beverage with a share of 92.8 percent, trailed by Germany (4.2%), United States of America(0.9%) and United Kingdom with a share of 0.7 percent (Chart 7).

**Table 1: Beverages Production Index** 

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non- Alcoholic Beverages production index	Composite production Index
	Jan	139.5	72.6	116.0
	Feb	97.7	102.6	99.4
	Mar	109.6	127.1	115.8
	Apr	8.6	97.4	39.9
	May	16.9	128.7	56.2
2020	Jun	63.3	141.3	90.8
	Jul	87.3	84.0	86.2
	Aug	71.4	94.3	79.5
	Sep	98.9	87.8	95.0
	Oct	109.9	231.0	152.6
	Nov	126.7	172.5	142.8
	Dec	146.3	206.7	167.6
	Jan	100.7	114.4	105.5
	Feb	86.2	68.6	80.0
	Mar	109.2	153.2	124.7
	Apr	104.5	88.4	98.8
	May	91.4	43.6	74.6
	Jun	98.5	71.9	89.1
	Jul	71.4	44.9	62.0
	Aug	104.8	122.4	111.0
	Sep	119.9	153.8	131.8
	Oct	128.2	147.8	135.1
	Nov	133.9	178.6	149.6
2021	Dec	114.3	168.1	133.3

**Table 1: Beverages Production Index continued...** 

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non- Alcoholic Beverages production index	Composite production Index
	Jan	124.6	98.9	115.6
	Feb	72.4	146.4	98.5
	Mar	134.9	160.0	143.8
	Apr	90.1	102.7	94.5
	May	115.4	99.4	109.8
2022	Jun	128.1	116.5	124.0
2022	Jul	116.8	123.1	119.0
	Aug	119.4	69.3	101.7
	Sep	116.2	207.3	148.3
	Oct	134.7	127.5	132.1
	Nov	122.4	133.0	126.1
	Dec	126.3	215.1	157.6
	Jan	84.0	125.1	98.5
	Feb	82.2	100.6	88.6
	Mar	93.2	179.9	123.8
	Apr	93.9	135.3	108.5
	May	80.0	142.8	102.2
	Jun	81.3	100.8	88.2
	Jul	62.9	108.0	78.8
	Aug	91.2	166.6	117.8
2023	Sep	79.9	125.7	96.0

**Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverages** 

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverage Export	Non- alcoholic Beverage Export	Composite export index	Alcoholic Beverage Import	Non- alcoholic Beverage Import	Composite import index
	Jan	102.5	124.0	103.3	43.4	294.3	78.5
	Feb	56.9	101.5	58.5	40.6	440.0	96.5
	Mar	36.3		37.8	136.0	309.6	160.3
	Apr	0.0	24.2	0.9	2.1	284.9	41.7
	May	1.5	28.3	2.5	2.3	188.4	28.4
2020	Jun	19.2	44.4	20.1	45.8	236.8	72.5
2020	Jul	10.9	50.0	12.3	46.7	143.8	60.3
	Aug	8.9	91.0	12.0	75.1	267.0	101.9
	Sep	21.2	85.1	23.6	51.0	303.3	86.3
	Oct	26.9	94.4	29.4	68.3	506.3	129.6
	Nov	47.4	80.9	48.7	83.1	443.7	133.5
	Dec	55.7	50.5	55.5	75.7	479.3	132.2
	Jan	26.7	78.9	28.7	63.5	278.0	93.5
	Feb	63.3	114.6	65.2	35.7	319.2	75.4
	Mar	60.1	31.9	59.0	45.8	313.4	83.2
	Apr	64.7	22.2	63.1	42.3	477.3	103.2
	May	29.8	5.1	28.8	47.7	906.5	167.8
	Jun	48.9	31.0	48.2	56.7	619.6	135.4
	Jul	11.8	12.8	11.8	49.1	174.7	66.7
	Aug	55.4	23.0	54.2	59.0	239.8	84.3
	Sep	75.6	21.0	73.5	63.5	352.4	103.9
	Oct	60.7	39.3	59.9	71.4	464.5	126.4
	Nov	49.6	28.1	48.8	69.6	577.4	140.6
2021	Dec	42.8	27.9	42.2	60.4	299.0	93.8

Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverages continued...

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverage Export	Non- alcoholic Beverage Export	Composite export index	Alcoholic Beverage Import	Beverage	Composite import index
	Jan	85.5	18.0	83.0	360.6	399.3	366.0
	Feb	67.1	13.2	65.0	47.4	298.9	82.6
	Mar	52.6	6.7	50.9	46.9	468.3	105.9
	Apr	23.3	1.3	22.5	52.5	419.7	103.9
	May	53.7	2.3	51.8	53.3	284.5	85.6
2022	Jun	102.5	4.7	98.9	59.0	348.8	99.5
2022	Jul	92.5	6.8	89.3	69.9	276.5	98.8
	Aug	75.4	7.9	72.8	63.2	495.4	123.6
	Sep	58.3	4.6	56.3	87.5	434.7	136.0
	Oct	74.4	96.1	75.2	85.3	607.5	158.3
	Nov	49.0	38.9	48.6	77.5	618.5	153.2
	Dec	59.3	13.1	57.6	68.5	590.8	141.6
	Jan	34.3	11.6	33.5	57.2	287.0	89.3
	Feb	31.4	14.3	30.7	70.8	309.3	104.1
	Mar	22.2	73.0	24.1	51.8	373.1	96.8
	Apr	41.2	9.3	40.0	51.6	287.5	84.6
	May	24.8	12.1	24.3	69.4	235.8	92.7
	Jun	23.1	12.4	22.7	58.4	243.5	84.3
	Jul	20.1	14.6	19.9	48.6	260.8	78.3
	Aug	7.0	10.9	7.1	49.5	301.1	84.7
2023	Sep	16.3	3.0	15.8	39.2	393.6	88.8

Methodology: Graphical and tabular analysis

**Data Sources:** The data sources for volume in Hectolitres of beverage are sourced from Namibia Breweries, Coca-Cola Namibia Bottling Company,

ABInBev Namibia (SAB Miller Namibia at Okahandja) and Trade data from NamRa. This is data on the production of alcoholic beverages (beer production) and non-alcoholic beverages (soft drinks). Alcoholic beverage production is the total of alcoholic beverages produced by Namibia Breweries and ABInBev Namibia. Whereas non-alcoholic beverage production data was a sum of soft drinks produced by

Namibia Breweries and Namibia Beverages. The unit of measure is Hectolitre (hl).

**Base year:** The beverages sectoral report is harmonised with the quarterly and annual National Accounts base year 2015.

Index calculations: The index of beverage production was weighted using the volume data of 2015. The index is then calculated as a ratio of the volume of

a specific component in a specific month to the total volume of that component in 2015.

**Conversion:** 1 basis point = 0.01 percent

**Revision:** Data was revised based on the new dataset received from the data sources.