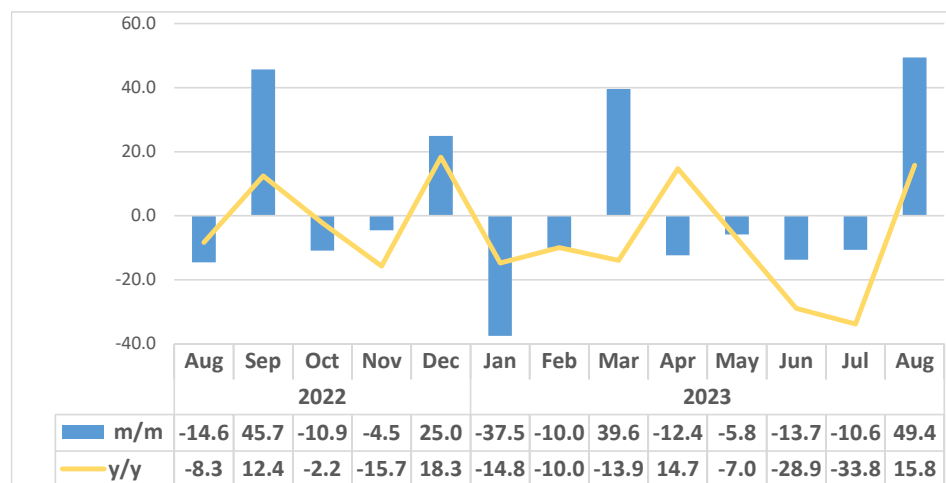


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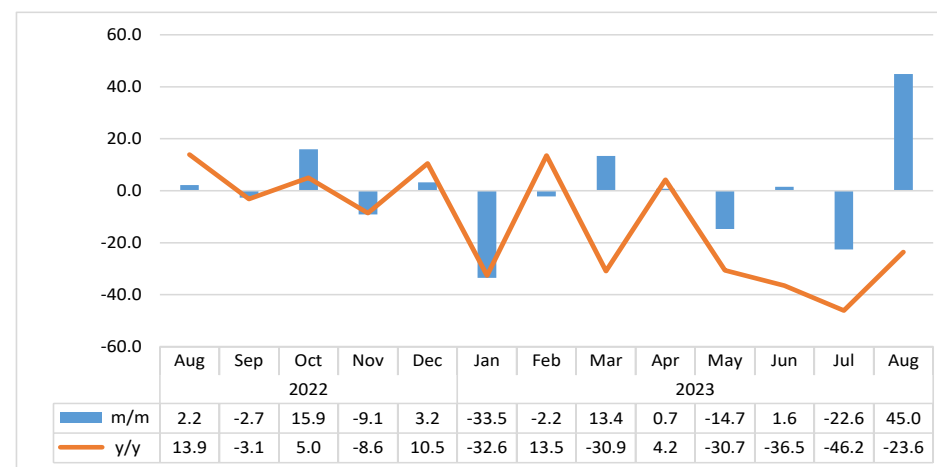


Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change



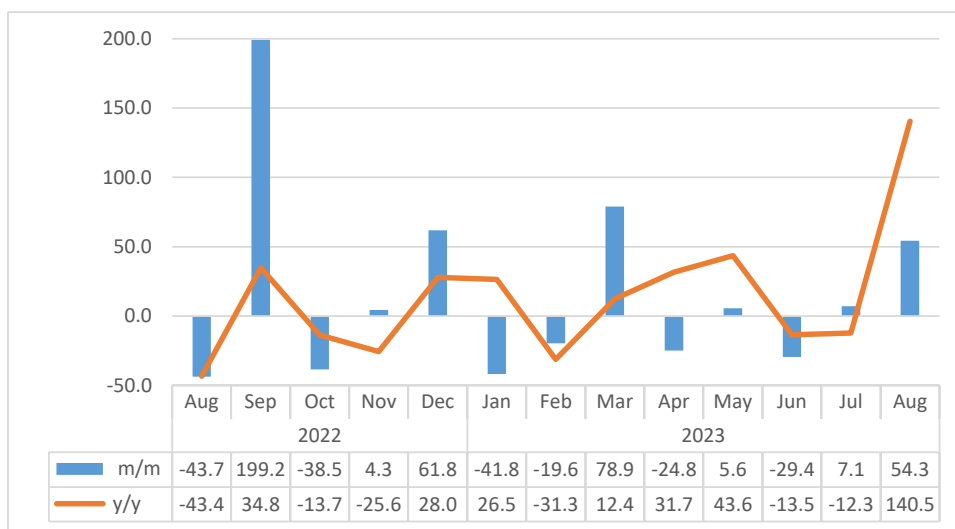
- The **Composite Beverage Production Index** consisting of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for August 2023 recorded a remarkable monthly growth of 49.4 percent, compared to a decline of 10.6 percent recorded in July 2023. Additionally, when assessed on an annual basis, the index increased by 15.8 percent (Chart 1).
- The upsurge in the monthly index is evident in both production indices of both alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic which increased during the month under review.
- In August 2023, beverage production reached 306 973 hectolitres, marking an increase from 205 413 hectolitres recorded in July 2023 and 265 194 hectolitres noted in August 2022.

Chart 2: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change



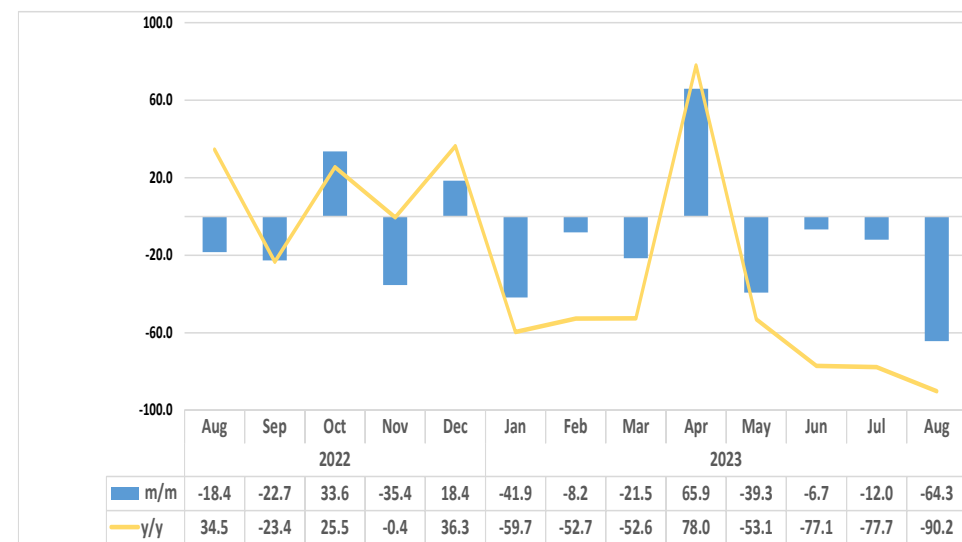
- The **Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** showed a monthly growth of 45.0 percent in August 2023, rebounding from a 22.6 percent decline recorded a month earlier. However, on annual basis, the index declined by 23.6 (Chart 2).
- The production of alcoholic beverages in August 2023 reached 154 030 hectolitres up from 106 261 hectolitres recorded in July 2023, and down from 201 589 hectolitres registered for the same period of 2022.

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



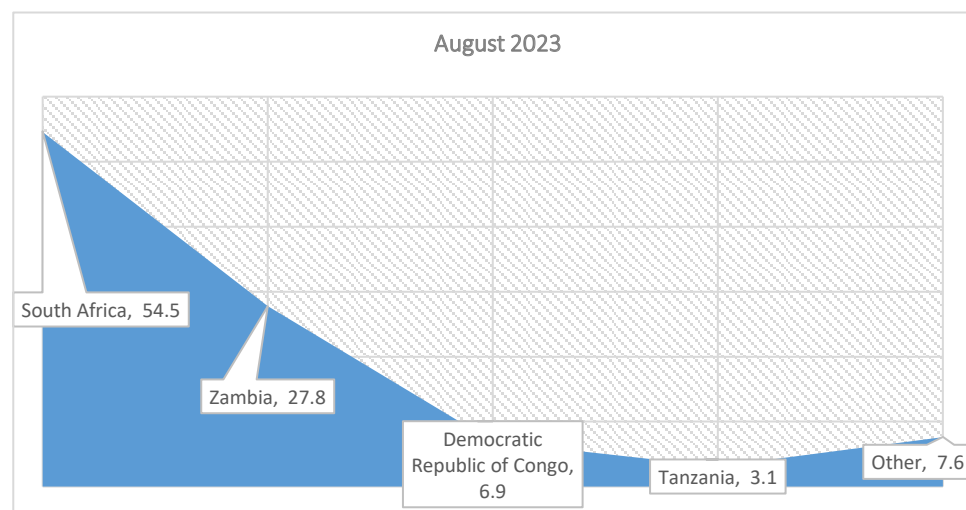
- In August 2023, the **Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** registered a significant monthly growth of 54.3 percent, compared to an increase of 7.1 percent posted in the preceding month. Moreover, the index registered a remarkable 140.5 percent year-on-year growth (Chart 3).
- A total of 152 943 hectolitres of non-alcoholic beverages were produced, up from 99 152 hectolitres and 63 605 hectolitres that was recorded in July 2023 and August 2022, respectively.

Chart 4: Beverage Export Composite Index, Percentage Change



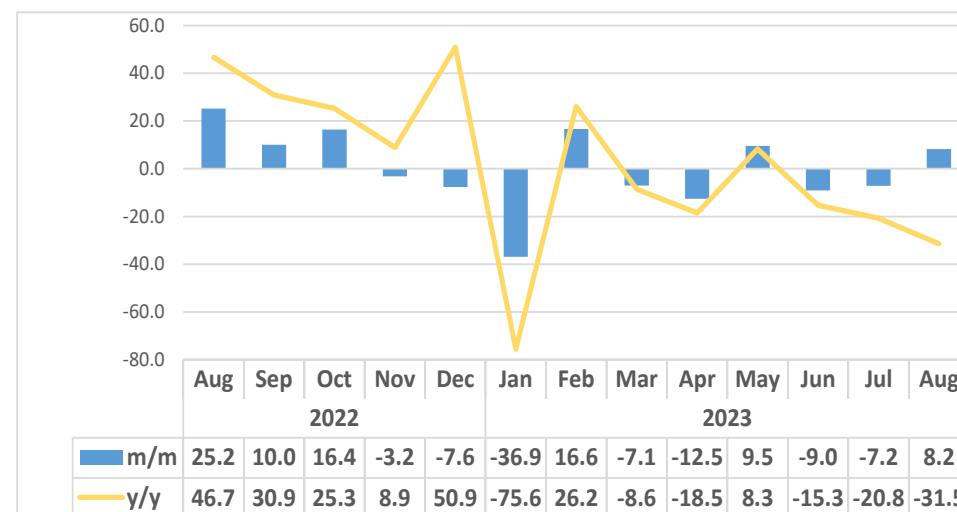
- The **Beverage Export Composite Index** for August 2023 declined by 64.3 percent monthly, compared to a decline of 12.0 percent recorded in the preceding month. Moreover, the index recorded a decline of 90.2 percent on an annual basis (Chart 4).
- In August 2023, 6 817 hectolitres of beverage was exported, down from 19 116 hectolitres in July 2023 and 69 833 hectolitres noted in August 2022. For the same period, Namibia mostly exported alcoholic beverages of 6 422 hectolitres, with beer comprising 64.2 percent (4 124 hectolitres) and 395 hectolitres of non-alcoholic beverages.

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



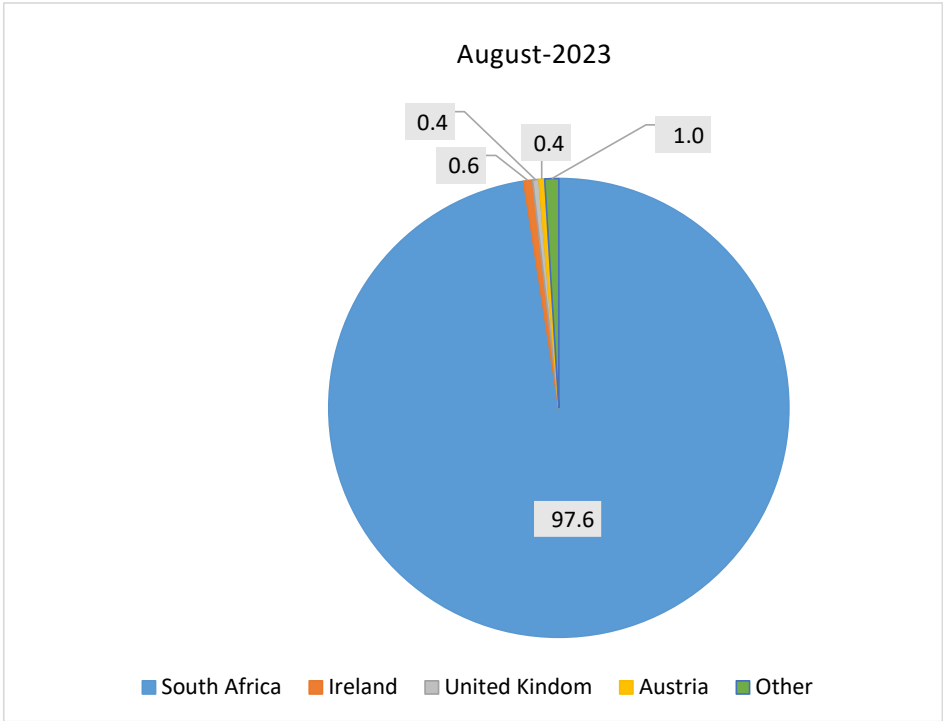
- South Africa (54.5%) led the export destination for beverages, trailed by Zambia (27.8%). The Democratic Republic of Congo (6.9%) was in third place, while Tanzania share of 3.1 percent scooped fourth position (Chart 5).

Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change



- The **Beverage Import Composite Index** for August 2023 recorded a monthly increase of 8.2 percent, compared to a decline of 7.2 percent recorded in the preceding month, but dropped by 31.5 percent annually (Chart 6). The monthly increase stemmed from higher imports of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- In August 2023, Namibia imported 80 095 hectolitres of beverages, compared to 73 993 hectolitres registered in July 2023 and 116 896 hectolitres posted in August 2022.

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



- During August 2023, South Africa constituted the primary source of beverage, with a significant share of 97.6 percent, trailed by Ireland (0.6%), and Austria and the United Kingdom, each contributing 0.4 percent (Chart 7).

Table 1: Beverages Production Index

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non-Alcoholic Beverages production index	Composite production Index
2020	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
	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
2021	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
	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
2022	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
	Jun	128.1	116.5	124.0
	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
2023	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

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
2020	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	77.7	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
	Jun	19.2	44.4	20.1	45.8	236.8	72.5
	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
2021	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
	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	Non-alcoholic Beverage Import	Composite import index
2022	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
	Jun	102.5	4.7	98.9	59.0	348.8	99.5
	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
2023	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

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.