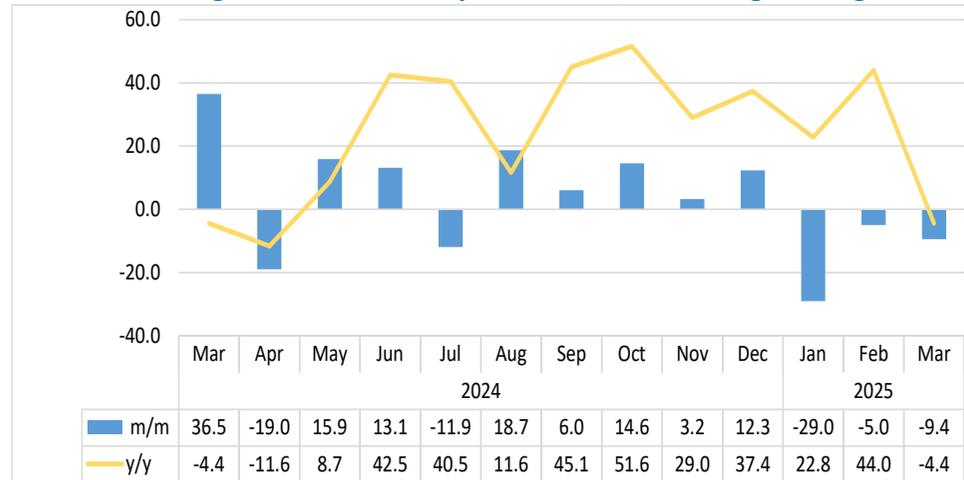


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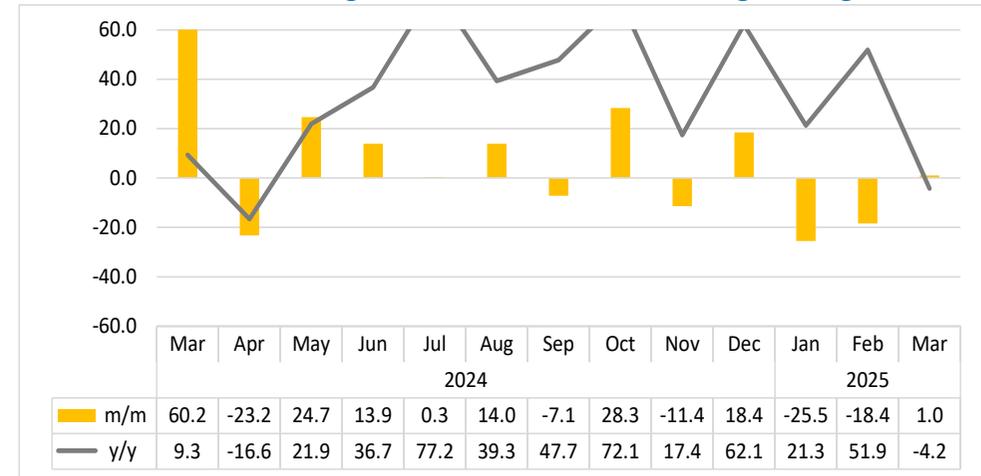


Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change



- **Beverage Production Composite Index**, which is composed of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, declined by 9.4 percent in March 2025, compared to a contraction of 5.0 percent posted in February 2025. Furthermore, the index posted a reduction of 4.4 percent, year-on-year (Chart 1).
- The decline on the monthly basis is attributed to lower production level of non-alcoholic beverages.
- In terms of volume, beverage production stood at 294 705 hectolitres in March 2025, which is lower than 325 292 hectolitres and 308 376 hectolitres recorded in February 2025 and in the corresponding month of 2024, respectively.

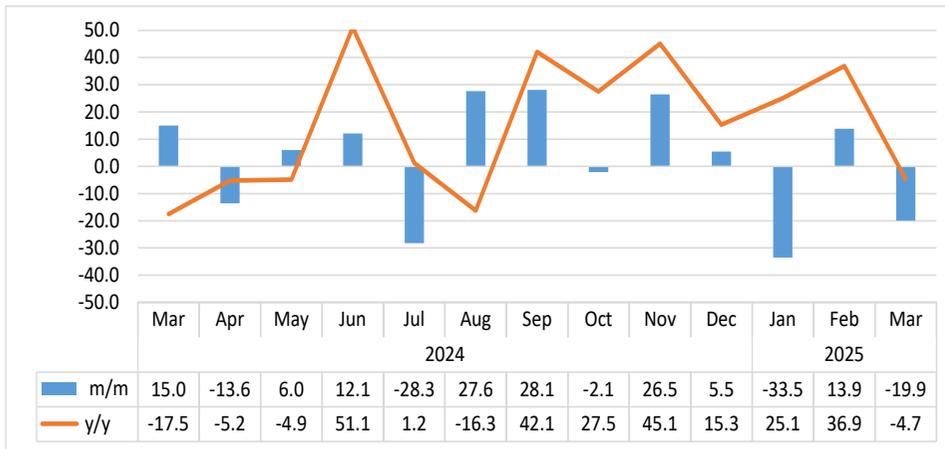
Chart 2: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change¹



- **Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** recovered in March 2025 recording an increase of 1.0 percent on a monthly basis, in contrast to a reduction of 18.4 percent registered in the preceding month. However, on an annual basis, the index declined by 4.2 percent (Chart 2).

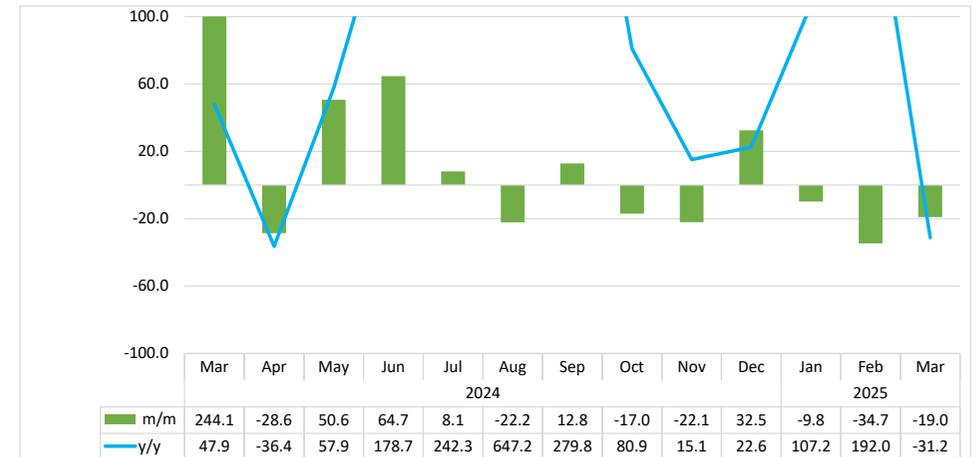
¹ Chart 2 is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

Chart 3: Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change²



- **Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** declined by 19.9 percent on a monthly basis in March 2025, in contrast to a growth of 13.9 percent recorded in February 2025. Similarly, the index reduced by 4.7 percent year-on-year (Chart 3).

Chart 4: Beverage Export Composite Index, Percentage Change³

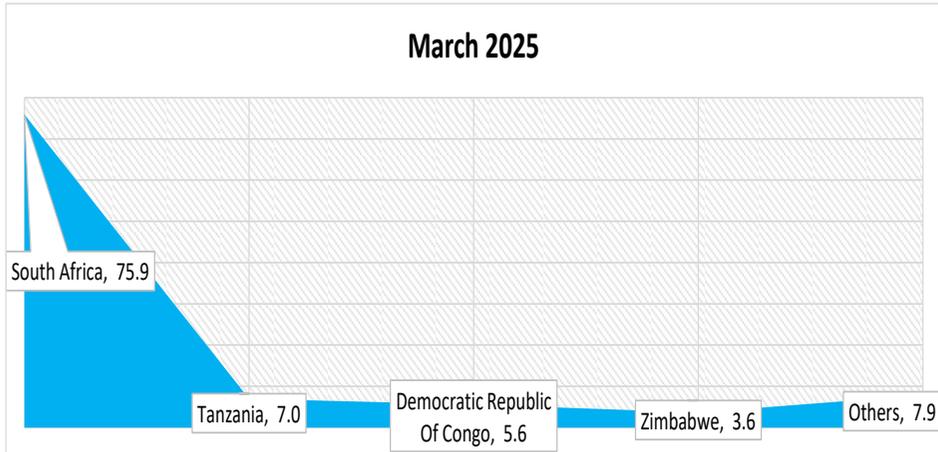


- The **Beverage Export Composite Index** contracted by 19.0 percent in March 2025, compared to a reduction of 34.7 percent registered a month earlier. Year-on-year, the index declined by 31.2 percent (Chart 4).
- During the period under review, 23 512 hectolitres of beverages were exported, lower than the export in the preceding month of 29 019 hectolitres and 34 193 hectolitres exported in February 2024, respectively.

² Chart 3 is limited to 50 percent for better readability.

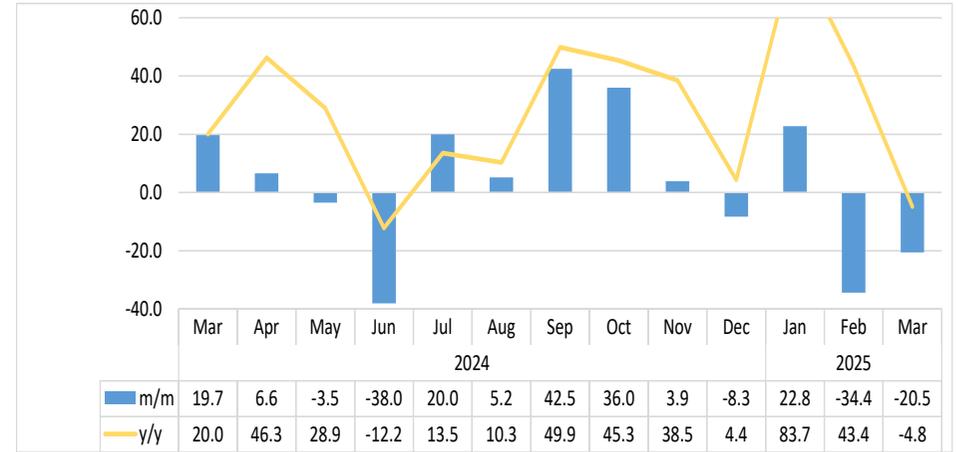
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Chart 5: Export of Beverage by Partner Country, Percentage Share



- During the period under study, South Africa remained Namibia's largest export market for beverages in terms of hectoliters (HL), accounting for 75.9 percent of the total beverage export. In the second position was Tanzania with 7.0 percent, followed by the Democratic Republic of Congo in third position with 5.6 percent share, while Zimbabwe came last in the top four with a share of 3.6 percent.

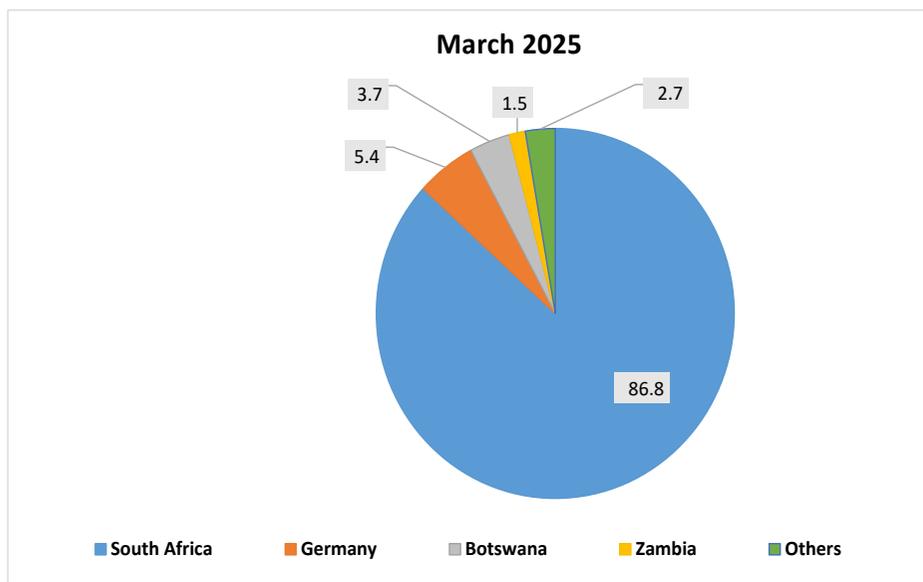
Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change⁴



- The **Beverage Import Composite Index** contracted by 20.5 percent on a monthly basis in March 2025, an improvement when compared to a decline of 34.4 percent witnessed in February 2025. Furthermore, the index reduced by 4.8 percent year-on-year (Chart 6).
- Namibia's imports for beverages stood at 104 559 hectolitres in March 2025, this is a decline when compared to 131 550 hectolitres of beverages imported in February 2025, while 109 836 hectolitres were imported in the corresponding month of 2024.

⁴ Chart 6 is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

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



- In March 2025, South Africa remained the dominant source of Namibia’s beverage imports in terms of hectolitres (HL), with a share of 86.8 percent of the total beverages imported. While Germany followed in second position with a share of 5.4 percent, Botswana and Zambia ranked third and fourth positions with shares of 3.7 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively (Chart 7).

Table 1: Beverage Production Index

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non-Alcoholic Beverages production index	Composite production Index
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
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
	Sep	79.9	125.7	96.0
	Oct	88.0	137.1	105.3
	Nov	114.3	152.5	127.7
	Dec	98.0	202.3	134.7

Table 1: Beverage Production Index continued...

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non-Alcoholic Beverages production index	Composite production Index
2024	Jan	97.6	124.0	106.9
	Feb	63.6	129.0	86.7
	Mar	101.9	148.4	118.3
	Apr	78.3	128.2	95.9
	May	97.6	135.9	111.1
	Jun	111.2	152.3	125.6
	Jul	111.5	109.3	110.7
	Aug	127.1	139.4	131.4
	Sep	118.0	178.6	139.3
	Oct	151.4	174.8	159.7
	Nov	134.1	221.2	164.8
	Dec	158.9	233.3	185.1
2025	Jan	118.4	155.1	131.3
	Feb	96.6	176.6	124.8
	Mar	97.6	141.4	113.0

Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverage

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverage Export	Non-alcoholic Beverage Export	Composite export index	Alcoholic Beverage Import	Non-alcoholic Beverage Import	Composite import index
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
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
	Sep	16.3	3.0	15.8	39.2	393.6	88.8
	Oct	28.3	7.5	27.5	76.4	420.3	124.5
	Nov	34.7	6.7	33.7	80.9	473.0	135.8
	Dec	43.0	13.8	41.9	102.9	549.3	165.3

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

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverage Export	Non-alcoholic Beverage Export	Composite export index	Alcoholic Beverage Import	Non-alcoholic Beverage Import	Composite import index
2024	Jan	23.2	1.7	22.4	72.9	376.9	115.4
	Feb	10.2	15.4	10.4	61.3	316.7	97.0
	Mar	36.8	6.1	35.7	68.6	408.7	116.2
	Apr	26.2	7.1	25.5	60.2	515.1	123.8
	May	39.6	6.4	38.3	52.0	534.8	119.5
	Jun	65.6	0.4	63.1	37.6	298.4	74.1
	Jul	70.9	1.0	68.3	56.0	290.7	88.8
	Aug	55.0	6.7	53.1	51.1	353.8	93.4
	Sep	62.3	1.3	60.0	74.8	491.5	133.1
	Oct	51.3	10.5	49.8	85.1	770.8	181.0
	Nov	40.0	7.6	38.8	103.3	709.4	188.1
	Dec	53.3	2.5	51.4	89.3	684.7	172.6
2025	Jan	47.6	14.0	46.3	61.7	1135.7	211.9
	Feb	31.4	2.1	30.3	64.1	600.3	139.1
	Mar	25.4	2.8	24.5	49.6	485.6	110.6

Methodology:	Products are classified according to the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature classification (Manufacture of Beverages) and using 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 beverage (beer production) and non-alcoholic beverage (soft drinks). Alcoholic beverage production is the total of alcoholic beverage 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 Beverage. The unit of measure is Hectolitre (hl).
Base year:	The beverage 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.