



Happy International Beer Day!

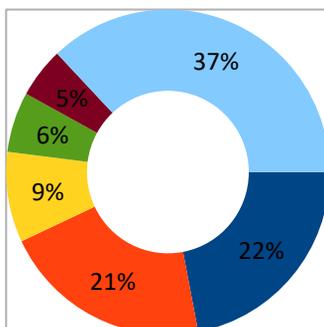
Last year, almost 32 billion litres of beer containing alcohol were produced in the EU. In addition, in 2020, the EU Member States produced 1.4 billion litres of beer which contained less than 0.5% alcohol or had no alcohol content at all.

Germany: top beer producer

Among the EU Member States, Germany was the top producer in 2020 with 7.5 billion litres (24% of the total EU production). In other words, about one in every four beers containing alcohol produced in the EU originated from Germany.

Germany was followed by Poland with 3.8 bn litres produced (12% of total EU production - which means that every 9th beer came from Poland), Spain (3.3 bn litres produced, or 10%), the Netherlands (2.5 bn litres, or 8%), France (2.1 bn litres, or 7%), Czech Republic (1.8 bn litres, or 6%) and Romania (1.7 bn litres, or 5%).

The main destinations for beer exports to non-EU countries were the United States (895 million litres; 22% of total extra-EU beer exports) and the United Kingdom (881 million litres; 21%). China, Russia and Canada are also among the largest customers.



- The United States
- The United Kingdom
- China
- Russia
- Canada
- Others

Top beer producers in the EU (in bn litres, 2020)

TOTAL EU
31.8



Note: data excludes non-alcoholic beer.
Belgium, Ireland, Slovenia: confidential data.

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The main buyers of Polish beers turned out to be the Dutch (14.3% of the domestic export value in 2020), Germans (12.1%) and Italians (8.5%). Polish malt beers also taste good to Hungarians, French, British and Irish, but they can also be found in South Korea and the United States.

Every year **a. hartrodt Poland** exports beer to Uruguay, China, Russia and Turkey in containers.

The transport of alcohol, including beer, requires certain conditions. This applies not only to the conditions of the transport itself, but also to the packaging. Below is a short guide on how to properly transport beer.

During transport, two things are important - that the beer retains its properties and that the bottles in which it is transported do not break. For its transport, you should use special boxes for shipping bottles.

The beer cardboard is safe - it has compartments, thanks to which each bottle is secured with four thicknesses of cardboard. The cardboard and the filling are made of thick, 5-layer corrugated cardboard. Cartons for 6 or 12 bottles with a capacity of 0.5 l or 8 with a capacity of 0.33 l are available. The latter type is very practical, as it can transform the filling into a tasting stand.



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Beer transport – requirements

Contrary to the opinion of some carriers, not only fine alcoholic beverages such as wines, whiskey etc. require special transport conditions. Beer also requires them. The conditions are not as restrictive as in the case of high-alcohol beverages (over 24%), which is considered a dangerous cargo because it is flammable - therefore, carriers must comply with the international ADR convention and have a permit to transport them. The transport of beer does not require meeting such conditions, but those relating to temperature and light.

Beer should be kept cool, also during transport. The optimum temperature for storing beer varies between 2 and 16 degrees. Other temperatures are detrimental to it. Beer should not be exposed to light. It likes the dark, so it is sold in dark bottles to keep its flavor.

The construction of the vehicle must ensure appropriate conditions for beer, i.e. the car must be equipped with alcohol tanks, transport protection and a cooling device. However, if the beer is bottled, transport must take place in such a way that there is no risk of breakage. It happens that darkening and hermetic closure of the truck are also required. Beer is also transported in containers.

Alcohol, including beer, is a food product, therefore the carrier must meet the requirements for transporting food. He is obliged to submit documents to the sanitary inspectorate. Vehicles used to transport it are checked and registered by the Department of Health and Safety. During transport, the principles of HACCP (Food Hazard Prevention System) must be followed. In addition, the driver and workers involved in loading and unloading must have current health records. Documents regarding the cargo and the sanitary condition of the car must be carried in the cabin of the beer transporting vehicle.



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Bilateral trade by product:

Exports China to Spain: Total \$29.8B

- Electrical Machinery & equipment (20.5%)
- Machinery and appliances (13.5%)
- Clothing Accessories – non-knit (5.94%)
- Clothing Accessories – knitted (5.84%)
- Toys & Games (5.80%)
- Furniture (4.84%)

Exports Spain to China: Total \$7.7B

- Meat & edible meat offal (20.8%)
- Ores, slag and ash (13.5%)
- Machinery & appliances (6.91%)
- Plastics & articles thereof (4.89%)
- Vehicles & their parts (4.86%)
- Copper & articles thereof (4.01%)



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