

# What's next for Irish whiskey in Germany?





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# German Market Introduction



Population: 83.24 million



4th Largest Economy in the world



Largest GDP in EU

#### COVID-19 Update

- 68% of Population Vaccinated
- New national 2g & 3g regulations as of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## German Market Analysis

## Irish Whiskey grew by 12% as a category in 2020 in Germany.

Strategic importance of Germany as a priority export market

Impact of Brexit on UK market (as close competitive market to Germany)

Additional complications for Scotch exports to EU, with Covid, Brexit and the UK Lorry driver crisis.

#### **Spirits: Consumption Summary**

'000s nine-litre cases

Category	2019	2020	CAGR 2019	CAGR 2015	CAGR 2020
			to 2020	to 2020	to 2025
Spirits	46,290.25	43,230.75	-6.6%	-1.5%	1.1%
Whisky	4,816.50	4,987.50	3.6%	3.0%	2.5%
- Scotch	2,093.75	2,120.00	1.3%	3.5%	3.1%
- US Whiskey	2,199.00	2,295.00	4.4%	2.3%	1.4%
- Canadian Whisky	98.00	103.00	5.1%	-3.0%	1.1%
- Irish Whiskey	389.25	436.00	12.0%	7.4%	5.1%
- Japanese Whisky	6.25	6.00	-4.0%	3.7%	1.6%
- Indian Whisky	1.10	0.75	-31.8%	0.0%	14.9%
- Other Whisky	29.15	26.75	-8.2%	-2.7%	1.3%

Source: IWSR

#### **Top 40 Irish Whiskey Markets 2020**

		2019 cases sold (1,000)	2020 cases sold (1,000)	Change
1	United States	4,955.0	4,928.5	-0.5%
2	Ireland	590.5	591.0	0.1%
3	Russia	562.3	534.3	-5.0%
4	United Kingdom	468.0	531.0	13.5%
5	Germany	389.3	436.0	12.0%
6	Poland	306.8	398.8	30.0%
7	France	402.0	376.0	-6.5%
8	South Africa	399.8	347.0	-13.2%
9	Canada	327.1	337.7	3.3%
10	Australia	202.0	247.3	22.4%

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#### **Excise Tax**

Germany's excise tax sits at €3.65 on a 70cl bottle of Irish Whiskey at 40% abv.

17<sup>th</sup> highest in Europe.

Low RRP & high rate of competition.



#### Tariffs<sub>dd text</sub>

Removal of tariffs on American whiskey effective from 1 January 2022.

American whiskey exports to the EU have plunged 37% from the years 2018 to 2020.

Anticipated that American whiskeys will be targeting Germany for export success



#### Consumption

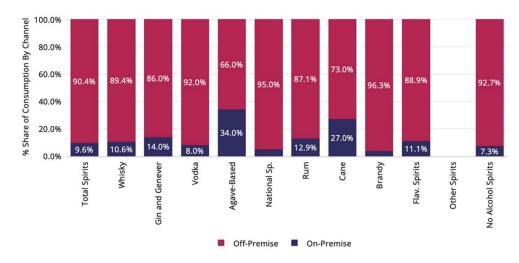
Sales of alcohol in bars and restaurants plummeted, severely affecting the drinks sector

Irish Whiskey category shows strong growth in the face of drop in spirit sales in Germany



## On vs Off Trade

Spirits: Share of On- vs Off-Premise 2020



Source: The IWSR

#### Irish Whiskey Sales Breakdown

- The total volume of Irish Whiskey sales
   2020 was 436.00 '000 nine-litre cases
- 90% went into the off trade
- Key reason for steady off trade growth is the education of the consumer.
- With the on trade being temporarily closed during the pandemic, companies been looking for new ways to introduce brands to the consumer.
- Education methods included online tastings, masterclasses, sampling, TV advertising, instore displays e.g.



## Off Trade







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Gesamtabsatzanteile einzelner Spirituosenarten im LEH 2018 nach Geschäftstypen, Organisationsformen und Verkaufsflächen

(Lebensmittel-Einzelhandel [LEH] ohne Kaufhäuser, Fachhandel und Aldi; Basis: Jede aufgeführte Spirituosenart über insgesamt je ¹¹²²³¹ ≜ 100 %; Angaben in Prozent des Gesamtabsatzes je Spirituosenart)

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Source: Google

## Key Retail Players





- Ca. 11.000 accounts (30% independent)
- 7 central warehouses
- 61 billion € revenue 2020



6 central warehouses in Germany



Source: Google

## Price Band

#### Whisky: Consumption By Price Band

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- Ultra-Premium	2.35	2.50	0.1%	6.4%	20.1%	5.4%
- Super-Premium	10.75	11.25	0.2%	4.7%	15.4%	4.1%
- Premium	64.25	78.00	1.6%	21.4%	13.9%	7.1%
- Standard	308.50	341.00	6.8%	10.5%	6.1%	4.7%
- Value	2.75	2.50	0.1%	-9.1%	-11.1%	-12.9%



Source: IWSR



So, what does a German consumer expect from a Premium Irish Whiskey?

# Premium Whiskeys in Germany

- Product Specifications
- Unique selling points and differentials in a competitive category
- Return of Age Statements
- Strength of Innovation in the Irish category
- Product diversity attracting new consumers



## Thank you



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