

EFFECT OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF NIGERIA BREWERIES PLC, KADUNA STATE

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Abstract

This paper examines the effect of inventory management practice on operational performance of Nigeria Breweries Company, Kaduna State. A descriptive and survey research design was adopted for the study. The study has a population size of 130 staff, out of which a sample size of 97 was realized using Krejcie and Morgan's table for sample determination. Structured questionnaire was the primary instrument used for data collection. Out of the 97 copies of questionnaire administered to the respondents only 89 copies of the questionnaire were returned while 8 were not returned. Data collected were analysed using multiple regression statistical tools with the aid of SPSS version 23. Findings from the study show that, inventory management practised by Nigeria Breweries Company has significantly affected their operational performance through operational efficiency, customer satisfaction and high productivity. This indicates that there is a correlation between good inventory management practice and operational performance of Nigeria Breweries. The study confirmed that inventory management is essential in the operation of any manufacturing company. The study recommends among others that, Management of Nigeria Breweries Company should put in place strong stock control measures through the use of multiple records keeping of stock values at each stage of their operation. This will help management to immediately dictate stock discrepancies which will guide against inventory shrinkage.

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