



# Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 4

An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the excise duties on spirits, beer, wine, made-wine and cider together with certain other enactments relating to excise. [22nd February 1979]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act amended by [Value Added Tax Act 1983 \(c. 55, SIF 40:2\)](#), [s. 24\(1\)\(3\)](#) and by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\)](#), [s. 114\(1\)](#)
- C2 Act modified by [S.I. 1990/2167](#), [art. 5](#)
- C3 Act restricted (*prosp.*) by [1995 c. 4](#), [s. 5\(1\)\(6\)](#)

### Commencement Information

- II Act wholly in force at 1.4.1979, see [s. 93\(2\)](#)

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

#### 1 The alcoholic liquors dutiable under this Act.

(1) Subsections (2) to (8) below define for the purposes of this Act the alcoholic liquors which are subject to excise duty under this Act, that is to say—

- (a) spirits,
- (b) beer,
- (c) wine,
- (d) made-wine, and
- (e) cider;

and in this Act “dutiable alcoholic liquor” means any of those liquors and “duty” means excise duty.

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- (2) “Spirits” means, subject to [F<sup>1</sup>subsections (7) to (9)] below, spirits of any description and includes all liquors mixed with spirits and all mixtures, compounds or preparations made with spirits but does not include methylated spirits.
- (3) “Beer” includes ale, porter, stout and any other description of beer, and any liquor which is made or sold as a description of beer or as a substitute for beer and which on analysis of a sample . . . F<sup>2</sup> is found to be of a strength exceeding [F<sup>3</sup>1·2 per cent.], but does not include—
- (a) black beer the worts whereof before fermentation were of a specific gravity of 1200° or more; or
  - (b) liquor made elsewhere than upon the licensed premises of a brewer for sale which on analysis of a sample [F<sup>4</sup>is found to be] of a strength not exceeding [F<sup>3</sup>1·2 per cent.]
- (4) “Wine” means any liquor obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of fresh grapes or of the must of fresh grapes, whether or not the liquor is fortified with spirits or flavoured with aromatic extracts.
- (5) “Made-wine” means [F<sup>5</sup>subject to subsection (10) below] any liquor obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of any substance or by mixing a liquor so obtained or derived from a liquor so obtained with any other liquor or substance but does not include wine, beer, black beer, spirits or cider.
- (6) “Cider” means cider (or perry) of a strength [F<sup>6</sup>less than 8.5 per cent.] . . . F<sup>7</sup> obtained from the fermentation of apple or pear juice without the addition at any time of any alcoholic liquor or of any liquor or substance which communicates colour or flavour other than such as the Commissioners may allow as appearing to them to be necessary to make cider (or perry).
- (7) Angostura bitters, that is to say, the aromatic flavouring essence commonly known as angostura bitters, shall be deemed not to be spirits, but this subsection does not apply for the purposes of sections 2, 5, 6 and 27 to 30 below.
- (8) Methyl alcohol, notwithstanding that it is so purified or prepared as to be drinkable, shall not be deemed to be spirits nor shall naphtha or any mixture or preparation containing naphtha or methyl alcohol and not containing spirits as defined in subsection (2) above.
- [F<sup>8</sup>(9) Any beverage of an alcoholic strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent. which is made with spirits and is not of a description specified in an order made by the Treasury by statutory instrument shall be deemed not to be spirits.
- (10) The Treasury may by order made by statutory instrument provide that any beverage of an alcoholic strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent. which is made with beer or cider and is of a description specified in the order shall be deemed to be beer or, as the case may be, cider, and not to be made-wine.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 1(5), [Sch. 1 Part II para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F2** Words repealed by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 1(5), 148, [Sch. 1 part II para. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 14 Part I](#) Note 1
- F3** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), [art. 5\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 1(5), [Sch. 1 Part II para. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#)

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| <b>F5</b> | Words inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1(5), <b>Sch. 1 Part II para. 1(3)</b>       |
| <b>F6</b> | Words substituted by Finance Act 1984 (c. 43, SIF 40:1), s. 1(5)(6)                                   |
| <b>F7</b> | Words repealed by S.I. 1979/241, <b>art. 5(b)</b>   |
| <b>F8</b> | S. 1(9)(10) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1(5), <b>Sch. 1 Part II para. 1(4)</b> |

## [<sup>F9</sup>2] **Ascertainment of strength volume and weight of alcoholic liquors.**

- (1) Subject to subsections (5) and (6) below, this section applies to spirits, methylated spirits and any fermented liquor other than wash, and “liquor” shall be construed accordingly.
- (2) For all purposes of this Act—
  - (a) except where some other measure of quantity is specified, any computation of the quantity of any liquor or of the alcohol contained in any liquor shall be made in terms of the volume of the liquor or alcohol, as the case may be;
  - (b) any computation of the volume of any liquor or of the alcohol contained in any liquor shall be made in litres as at 20\_C; and
  - (c) the alcoholic strength of any liquor is the ratio of the volume of the alcohol contained in the liquor to the volume of the liquor (inclusive of the alcohol contained in it);

and in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“alcohol” means ethyl alcohol; and

“strength” in relation to any liquor, means its alcoholic strength computed in accordance with this section, the ratio referred to in paragraph (c) above being expressed as a percentage.

- (3) The Commissioners may make regulations prescribing the means to be used for ascertaining for any purpose the strength, weight or volume of any liquor, and any such regulations may provide that in computing for any purpose the strength of any liquor any substance contained therein which is not alcohol or distilled water may be treated as if it were.

[ Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (3) above, regulations under that

<sup>F10</sup>(3A) subsection may provide that for the purpose of charging duty on any spirits, wine or made-wine contained in any bottle or other container, the strength, weight or volume of the spirits, wine or made-wine may be ascertained by reference to any information given on the bottle or other container by means of a label or otherwise or to any documents relating to the bottle or other container.]

- (4) Different regulations may be made under subsection (3) above for different purposes.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the strength, weight or volume of wine, made-wine or cider from being computed for the purpose of charging duty thereon by methods other than that provided in this section.
- (6) Except for the purpose of determining whether liquor is or is not beer (within the meaning of this Act), nothing in this section applies for purposes of the charge of duty on beer.
- (7) Except as provided in subsection (8) below, where the quantity of alcohol contained in any spirits or in any methylated spirits falls to be computed in accordance with this section on or after 1st January 1980 and the quantity of those spirits or methylated spirits was last computed in accordance with this section before that date the following

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conversion factor shall be applied in making the first-mentioned computation, that is to say, one gallon of spirits at proof shall be taken to be equivalent to 2.595 litres of alcohol.

- (8) The Commissioners may, if they think fit in any particular case, require the quantity of alcohol contained in any spirits or methylated spirits falling within subsection (7) above to be computed in accordance with this section without applying the conversion factor specified in that subsection.]

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 2: ss. 2, 13 and 15 (with s. 3) power exercised (11.11.1991) by [S.I.1991/2564](#)  
For previous exercises of power see Index to Government Orders

#### Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 2 substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), [art. 6](#)  
**F10** S. 2(3A) inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 10](#)

### 3 Meaning of and method of ascertaining gravity of liquids.

- (1) For the purposes of the Customs and Excise Acts 1979—
- (a) “gravity”, in relation to any liquid, means the ratio of the weight of a volume of the liquid to the weight of an equal volume of distilled water, the volume of each liquid being computed as at <sup>[F11]</sup>20\_C];
  - (b) where the gravity of any liquid is expressed as a number of degrees that number shall be the said ratio multiplied by 1,000; and
  - (c) “original gravity”, in relation to any liquid in which fermentation has taken place, means its gravity before fermentation.
- (2) The gravity of any liquid at any time shall be ascertained by such means as the Commissioners may approve, and the gravity so ascertained shall be deemed to be the true gravity of the liquid.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5) below, where for any purposes of the Customs and Excise Acts 1979 it is necessary to ascertain the original gravity of worts in which fermentation has commenced or of any liquid produced from such worts, that gravity shall be determined in such manner as the Commissioners may by regulations prescribe.
- (4) Different regulations may be made under subsection (3) above in relation to different liquids.
- (5) Where the original gravity of any worts has been determined in accordance with regulations made under subsection (3) above for the purpose of charging duty under section 38 below by reference to the quantity and original gravity of worts produced, a deduction of  $\frac{3}{4}$  shall be allowed from the original gravity so determined, so however as not to reduce the original gravity by reference to which the duty is charged below the gravity of the worts as ascertained by the <sup>[F12]</sup>brewer in accordance with subsection (2) above and recorded by him in pursuance of regulations made under section 49 below.]

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P2** S. 3: ss. 2, 13 and 15 (with s. 3) power exercised (11.11.1991) by [S.I.1991/2564](#)

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### Textual Amendments

**F11** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 7](#)

**F12** Words substituted by [Finance Act 1989 \(c. 26, SIF 40:1\), s. 3\(1\)\(2\)](#)

## 4 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

[<sup>F13</sup>“alcohol” has the meaning given by section 2 above;]

“authorised methylator” means a person authorised to methylate spirits under section 75(1) below;

“beer” has the meaning given by section 1 above;

“black beer” means beer of the description called or similar to black beer, mum, spruce beer or Berlin white beer, and any other preparation (whether fermented or not) of a similar character;

“brewer” and “brewer for sale” have the meanings given by section 47 below;

“British compounded spirits” means spirits which have, in the United Kingdom, had any flavour communicated thereto or ingredient or material mixed therewith, not being methylated spirits;

“case”, in relation to dutiable alcoholic liquor, means 1 dozen units each consisting of a container holding not less than [<sup>F14</sup>65 nor more than 80 centilitres], or the equivalent of that number of such units made up wholly or partly of containers of a larger or smaller size;

“cider” has the meaning given by section 1 above;

“compounder” means a person holding a licence as a compounder under section 18 below;

“distiller”, means a person holding a distiller’s licence under section 12 below;

“distiller’s licence” has the meaning given by section 12(1) below;

“distiller’s warehouse” means a place of security provided by a distiller and approved by the Commissioners under section 15(1) below;

“distillery” means premises where spirits are manufactured, whether by distillation of a fermented liquor or by any other process;

“dutiable alcoholic liquor” has the meaning given by section 1(1) above;

“duty” has the meaning given by section 1(1) above and “duty-paid”, “duty-free” and references to drawback shall be construed accordingly;

“gravity” and “original gravity” have the meanings given by section 3 above;

“justices’ licence” and “justices on-licence”—

(a) in the application of this Act to England and Wales have the meanings respectively given to them by sections 1(1) and 1(2)(a) of the <sup>M1</sup>Licensing Act 1964 and in both cases include a canteen licence granted under Part X and an occasional licence granted under section 180 of that Act;

(b) in the application of this Act to Northern Ireland mean a licence corresponding to the relevant licence such as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this definition;

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“licensed”, in relation to a producer of wine or of made-wine, means a producer who holds a licence to produce wine or made-wine respectively under subsection (2) of section 54 or 55 below;

“licensed methylator” means a person holding a licence under section 75(2) below;

“limited licence to brew beer” has the meaning given by section 47(2) below;

“made-wine” has the meaning given by section 1 above;

“the Management Act” means the <sup>M2</sup>Customs and Excise Management Act 1979;

[<sup>F15</sup>“methylated spirits” means—

- (a) spirits mixed in the United Kingdom with some other substance in accordance with regulations made under section 77 below; or
- (b) spirits mixed outside the United Kingdom with some other substance if the spirits and other substance, and the proportions in which they are mixed, are such as are prescribed by those regulations for the production of methylated spirits in the United Kingdom;]

“the prescribed sum”, in relation to the penalty provided for an offence, means—

- (a) if the offence was committed in England or Wales . . . <sup>F16</sup>, the prescribed sum within the meaning of [<sup>F17</sup>section 32 of the Magistrates’ Court Act 1980 (£1,000 or other sum substituted by order under section 143(1) of that Act)];
- (b) if the offence was committed in Scotland, the prescribed sum within the meaning of section 289B of the <sup>M3</sup>Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (£1,000 or other sum substituted by order under section 289D(1) of that Act);
- (c) [<sup>F18</sup>if the offence was committed in Northern Ireland, the prescribed sum within the meaning of Article 4 of the Fines and Penalties (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (£1,000 or other sum substituted by order under Article 17 of that Order);]

“producer of made-wine” includes a person who renders made-wine sparkling and “produce”, in relation to made-wine, shall be construed accordingly;

“producer of wine” includes a person who renders wine sparkling, and “produce”, in relation to wine, shall be construed accordingly;

. . . <sup>F19</sup>

“rectifier” means a person holding a licence as a rectifier under section 18 below;

“registered club” means a club which is for the time being registered within the meaning of the <sup>M4</sup>Licensing Act 1964 or which is for the time being a registered club within the meaning of the <sup>M5</sup>Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 or which is for the time being a registered club within the meaning of the [<sup>F20</sup>Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1987];

“retailer” means—

- (a) in relation to dutiable alcoholic liquor, a person who sells such liquor by retail;
- (b) . . . . . <sup>F21</sup>

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“Scottish licence” includes a licence of a type described in Schedule 1 to the <sup>M6</sup>Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976, (other than an off-sale licence), an occasional licence granted in terms of section 33 of the said Act, an occasional permission granted in terms of section 34 of the said Act, and a licence granted in terms of section 40 of the said Act;

“spirits” has the meaning given by section 1 above;

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“spirits of wine” means plain spirits of a strength of not less than [<sup>F23</sup>80 per cent.] manufactured in the United Kingdom;

[<sup>F13</sup>“strength”, in relation to any liquor, has the meaning given by section 2 above;]

[<sup>F24</sup>“wholesale”, in relation to dealing in dutiable alcoholic liquor, means the sale at any one time to any one person of quantities not less than the following, namely—

(a) in the case of spirits, wine or made-wine, 9 litres or 1 case; or

(b) in the case of beer or cider, 20 litres or 2 cases;]

[<sup>F24</sup>“wholesaler” means a person who deals wholesale in dutiable alcoholic liquor;]

“wine” has the meaning given by section 1 above.

- (2) This Act and the other Acts included in the Customs and Excise Acts 1979 shall be construed as one Act but where a provision of this Act refers to this Act that reference is not to be construed as including a reference to any of the others.
- (3) Any expression used in this Act or in any instrument made under this Act to which a meaning is given by any other Act included in the Customs and Excise Acts 1979 has, except where the context otherwise requires, the same meaning in this Act or in any such instrument as in that Act; and for ease of reference the Table below indicates the expressions used in this Act to which a meaning is given by any other such Act—

*Management Act*

“the Commissioners”

“container”

“the Customs and Excise Acts 1979”

“excise warehouse”

“goods”

“hovercraft”

“importer”

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“night”

“occupier”

“officer” and “proper” in relation to an officer

“ship” and “British ship”

“shipped”

“shipment”

“stores”

“tons register”

[<sup>F27</sup>“United Kingdom waters”]

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“warehouse”

“warehousing regulations”.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, selling by retail, in relation to dutiable alcoholic liquor, means the sale at any one time to any one person of quantities not exceeding the following, that is to say—

- (a) in the case of spirits, wine or made-wine, [<sup>F28</sup>9 litres] or 1 case;
- (b) in the case of beer or cider, [<sup>F28</sup>21 litres] or 2 cases.

#### Textual Amendments

- F13** Definition inserted by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 8(a)(i)**
- F14** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 8(a)(ii)**
- F15** Definition substituted by Finance Act 1990 (c. 29, SIF 40:1), **s. 8**
- F16** Words repealed by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) Sch. 6 para. 9(a) and Sch. 7
- F17** Words substituted by Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), s. 154, **Sch. 7 para. 180**
- F18** Para. (c) of the definition of “the prescribed sum” inserted by SI 1984/703, (N.I. 3) Sch. 6 para. 9(b)
- F19** Definition of “proof” repealed by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 8(a)(iv)**
- F20** Words substituted by S.I. 1987/1278 (N.I. 14), art. 47(2), **Sch. 4 para. 2**
- F21** Para. (b) of the definition of “retailer” repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), **Sch. 19 Pt. III**
- F22** Definitions repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), **Sch. 19 Pt. III**
- F23** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 8(a)(iii)**
- F24** Definition substituted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 11**
- F25** Words repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. IV**
- F26** Words repealed by Territorial Sea Act 1987 (c. 49, SIF 29:1), **s. 3 Sch. 2**
- F27** Expression inserted by Territorial Sea Act 1987 (c. 49, SIF 29:1), s. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 5(1)**
- F28** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 8(b)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1964 c. 26.
- M2** 1979 c. 2.
- M3** 1975 c. 21.
- M4** 1964 c. 26.
- M5** 1976 c.26
- M6** 1976 c. 66.

## PART II

### SPIRITS

#### *Charge of excise duty*

#### 5 Spirits: charge of excise duty.

There shall be charged on spirits—

- (a) imported into the United Kingdom; or
- (b) distilled, or manufactured by any other process whatsoever, in the United Kingdom,



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a duty of excise [<sup>F29</sup>at the rate of [<sup>F30</sup>£19.81] per litre of alcohol in the spirits]

#### Textual Amendments

**F29** Words substituted by Finance Act 1982 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1(1)(6)

**F30** Words in s. 5 substituted (with effect from 6 p.m. on 10.3.1992) by virtue of Finance Act 1992 (c. 20), s. 1(1)(5)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C4** S. 5 restricted (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 34, s. 8(1).

### Reliefs from excise duty

## 6 Power to exempt angostura bitters from duty.

On the importation of the aromatic flavouring essence commonly known as angostura bitters, the Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, direct the bitters to be treated for the purposes of the charge of duty on spirits as not being spirits.

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### [<sup>F31</sup>6A Repayment of duty on spirits used for low alcohol products.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, where any person proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any spirits on which duty has been paid have been used as an ingredient in the production or manufacture of—
  - (a) a beverage of an alcoholic strength not exceeding 1.2 per cent.;
  - (b) chocolates for human consumption which contain alcohol such that 100 kilograms of the chocolates would not contain more than 8.5 litres of alcohol; or
  - (c) any other food for human consumption which contains alcohol such that 100 kilograms of the food would not contain more than 5 litres of alcohol,
 he shall be entitled to obtain from the Commissioners the repayment of the duty paid thereon.
- (2) A repayment of duty shall not be made under this section except to a person who—
  - (a) carries on a business of supplying by wholesale any beverages, chocolates or food falling within subsection (1)(a) to (c) above;
  - (b) is the person who used the spirits on which the duty was charged as an ingredient in any such beverage, chocolates or food;
  - (c) produced or manufactured the beverage, chocolates or food for the purposes of the business mentioned in paragraph (a) above;
  - (d) makes a claim for the repayment in accordance with the following provisions of this section; and
  - (e) satisfies the Commissioners as to the matters mentioned in paragraph (a) to (c) above and that the repayment claimed does not relate to any duty which has been repaid or drawn back prior to the making of the claim.

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- (3) A claim for a repayment under this section shall be in writing and shall contain such particulars as the Commissioners may require for the purposes of subsection (2)(e) above.
- (4) Except so far as the Commissioners otherwise allow, a person shall not make a claim for a repayment under this section unless—
- (a) the claim relates to duty paid on spirits used as ingredients in the course of a period of three months ending not more than one month before the making of the claim; and
  - (b) the amount of the repayment which is claimed is not less than £250.
- (5) There may be remitted by the Commissioners any duty charged either—
- (a) on spirits imported into the United Kingdom at a time when they are contained as an ingredient in any chocolates or food falling within subsection (1)(b) or (c) above; or
  - (b) on spirits used as an ingredient in the manufacture or production in an excise warehouse of any such chocolates or food.
- (6) References in this section to chocolates or food do not include references to any beverages.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F31** S. 6A inserted (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3158, reg. 2(4)

## 7 Exemption from duty of spirits in articles used for medical purposes.

Duty shall not be payable on any spirits contained in an article imported or delivered from warehouse which is recognised by the Commissioners as being used for medical purposes.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C5** S. 7 excluded (20.10.1995) by S.I. 1995/2518, reg. 118(a)(i)

## [<sup>F328</sup> Remission of duty in respect of spirits used for medical or scientific purposes.

- (1) Where a person proposes to use spirits—
- (a) in the manufacture or preparation of any article recognised by the Commissioners as being an article used for medical purposes; or
  - (b) for scientific purposes,
- the Commissioners may, if they think fit and subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, authorise that person to receive, and permit the delivery from warehouse to that person of, spirits for that use without payment of the duty chargeable thereon.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any condition imposed under this section then, in addition to any other penalty he may have incurred, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of level 3 on the standard scale.]

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### Textual Amendments

**F32** S. 8 substituted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 6(1)

## 9 Remission of duty on spirits for methylation.

The Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, permit spirits to be delivered from warehouse for methylation without payment of the duty chargeable thereon.

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C6** S. 9 excluded (20.10.1995) by S.I. 1995/2518, reg. 118(a)(iii)

## 10 Remission of duty on spirits for use in art or manufacture.

- (1) Where, in the case of any art or manufacture carried on by any person in which the use of spirits is required, it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that the use of methylated spirits is unsuitable or detrimental, the Commissioners may, if they think fit and subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, authorise that person to receive, and permit the delivery from warehouse to that person of, spirits for use in that art or manufacture without payment of the duty chargeable thereon.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any condition imposed under this section then, in addition to any other penalty he may have incurred, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F33</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

### Textual Amendments

**F33** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46, (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

## 11 Relief from duty on imported goods not for human consumption containing spirits.

On the importation of goods not for human consumption containing spirits as a part or ingredient thereof, the Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they may think fit to impose, direct the goods to be treated for the purposes of the charge of duty on spirits (and in particular the charge under section 126 of the Management Act) as not containing spirits.

### *Manufacture of spirits*

## 12 Licence to manufacture spirits.

- (1) No person shall manufacture spirits, whether by distillation of a fermented liquor or by any other process, unless he holds an excise licence for that purpose under this section (referred to in this Act as a “distiller’s licence”).

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- (2) ..... F34
- (3) ..... F35
- (4) The Commissioners may refuse to grant a distiller's licence in respect of any premises on which, from their situation with respect to premises used by a rectifier, brewer for sale or vinegar-maker, they think it inexpedient to allow the manufacture of spirits [F36 and they may at any time revoke a licence in respect of any premises if, by reason of circumstances arising since the grant of the licence, they could by virtue of this subsection refuse to grant a licence in respect of those premises].
- (5) Where the largest still to be used on any premises in respect of which a distiller's licence is sought for the manufacture of spirits by distillation of a fermented liquor is of less than [F37 18 hectolitres] capacity, the Commissioners may refuse to grant the licence or may grant it only subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose [F38 and where the largest still so used on any premises in respect of which a licence is held is of less than that capacity, the Commissioners may revoke the licence or attach to it such conditions as they see fit to impose].
- (6) ..... F39

#### Textual Amendments

- F34** S. 12(2) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 8(2)(a), 114, Sch. 23 Pt IV
- F35** S. 12(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV
- F36** Words added by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 8(6), Sch. 5 para. 3(2)
- F37** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 10
- F38** Words added by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 8(6), Sch. 5 para. 3(3)
- F39** S. 12 (6)–(9) repealed by Finance Act 1990 (c. 29, SIF 40:1), ss. 9, 132, Sch. 19 Part I (subsection (6A) having been added by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 8(6), Sch. 5 para. 3(4))

### 13 Power to make regulations relating to manufacture of spirits.

- (1) The Commissioners may, with a view to the protection of the revenue, make regulations—
- regulating the manufacture of spirits, whether by distillation of a fermented liquor or by any other process;
  - for securing and collecting the duty on spirits manufactured in the United Kingdom; and
  - regulating the removal of spirits from a distillery;
- and different regulations may be made in respect of manufacture for different purposes or by different processes.

[F40(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, regulations under that subsection may—

- provide for the imposition under the regulations of conditions and restrictions relating to the matters mentioned in that subsection; and
- impose or provide for the imposition of requirements on a manufacturer of spirits to keep and preserve records relating to his business as such a manufacturer and to produce them to an officer when required to do so for the purpose of allowing him to inspect them, to copy or take extracts from them or to remove them at a reasonable time and for a reasonable period.

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(1B) Where any documents removed under the powers conferred by subsection (1A)(b) above are lost or damaged the Commissioners shall be liable to compensate their owner for any expenses reasonably incurred by him in replacing or repairing the documents.]

(2) Where—

(a) the Commissioners are satisfied that any process of manufacture carried on by any person involving the manufacture of spirits is primarily directed to the production of some article other than spirits; or

(b) the Commissioners see fit in the case of any person manufacturing spirits by any process other than distillation of a fermented liquor,

they may direct that, subject to compliance with such conditions as they think proper to impose, such of the provisions of this Act relating to the manufacture of, or manufacturers of, spirits or such of any regulations made under this section as may be specified in the direction shall not apply in the case of that person.

[<sup>F41</sup>(2A) If the Commissioners so direct, spirits manufactured by a process to which a direction under subsection (2) above applies shall be treated as not being within the charge of duty on spirits under section 5 above]

(3) If, save as provided in subsection (2) above, any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (1) above [<sup>F42</sup>or with any condition, restriction or requirement imposed under such a regulation] he shall, subject to subsection (4) below, be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F43</sup>level 5 on the standard scale], [<sup>F42</sup>together in the case of such a failure with a penalty of £20 for each day on which the failure continues] and any spirits, and any vessels, utensils and materials used for distilling or otherwise manufacturing or for preparing spirits, in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

(4) The Commissioners may by any regulation under subsection (1) above provide a penalty of an amount less than that specified in subsection (3) above for any contravention of or failure to comply with that regulation [<sup>F44</sup>or with any condition, restriction or requirement imposed under that regulation].

(5) If any person in whose case a direction is given by the Commissioners under subsection (2) above acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any condition imposed under that subsection which is applicable in his case, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F45</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], and any spirits in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

**P3** [S. 13](#): ss. 2, 13 and 15 (with s. 3) power exercised (11.11.1991) by [S.I.1991/2564](#)  
For previous exercises of power see Index to Government Orders

#### Textual Amendments

**F40** [S. 13\(1A\)\(1B\)](#) inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 para. 12\(a\)](#)

**F41** [S. 13\(2A\)](#) inserted by [Finance Act 1985 \(c. 54, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 6, [Sch. 3 para. 1](#)

**F42** Words inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 12\(b\)](#)

**F43** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 289G and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) art. 5

**F44** Words inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 12\(c\)](#)

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**F45** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C7** S. 13(3) excluded by S.I. 1982/611, reg. 23(1)(2)

**14 Duty on spirits—attenuation charge.**

(1) In the case of a distillery where spirits are manufactured by distillation of a fermented liquor, the duty on spirits shall, in addition to being charged on the spirits distilled, be chargeable in respect of each distillation period in accordance with the following provisions of this section.

[<sup>F46</sup>(2) There shall be calculated the quantity of alcohol capable of being produced from any wort and wash made at the distillery on the assumption that from every hectolitre of wort and wash 1 litre of alcohol will be produced for every [<sup>F478</sup> degrees] of attenuation, that is to say, for every [<sup>F478</sup> degrees] of difference between the highest gravity of the wort and the lowest gravity of the wash before distillation, and so in proportion for any less number of litres of wort and wash or any less number of degrees of attenuation.]

(3) The gravity of wort or wash for the purposes of subsection (2) above shall be taken as that declared by the distiller except that, if either gravity is found by the proper officer before distillation and the gravity so found is, in the case of wort, higher or, in the case of wash, lower than that declared by the distiller, the gravity to be taken shall be that so found by the proper officer.

(4) There shall be ascertained the quantity [<sup>F48</sup>of alcohol contained in] the spirits and feints produced at the distillery after deducting [<sup>F49</sup>the quantity of alcohol contained in] the feints remaining at the end of the last preceding distillation period.

(5) If the quantity calculated under subsection (2) above exceeds the quantity ascertained under subsection (4) above the duty on spirits shall, subject to subsection (6) below, be charged and become payable immediately on that excess.

(6) The Commissioners may make such allowance as in their opinion is reasonable from any charge under this section on proof to their satisfaction that the charge arises wholly or in part on account of the removal of wash for the separation of yeast or on account of the loss or destruction of wort or wash by unavoidable accident [<sup>F50</sup>or from some other legitimate cause].

(7) In this section, “distillation period” means the period prescribed by regulations under section 13(1) above for the purpose of taking account of feints and spirits produced.

**Textual Amendments**

**F46** S. 14(2) substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 11(a)

**F47** Words substituted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), Sch. 8 Pt II para. 13

**F48** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 11(b)

**F49** Words inserted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 11(b)

**F50** Words in s. 14(6) added (25.7.1985) by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), s. 6(1), Sch. 3 para. 2

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## 15 Distiller’s warehouse.

- (1) A distiller may provide in association with his distillery a place of security for the deposit of spirits manufactured at that distillery and, if that place is approved by the Commissioners and entry is made thereof by the distiller, may deposit therein without payment of duty any spirits so manufactured.
- [<sup>F51</sup>(2) The Commissioners may approve such a place of security for such periods and subject to such conditions as they think fit.]
- (3) A place of security for the time being approved by the Commissioners under subsection (1) above is referred to in this Act as a “distiller’s warehouse”.
- (4) A distiller who provides a distiller’s warehouse shall, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, provide accommodation at the warehouse for the officer in charge thereof, and if he fails so to do he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F52</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] but nothing in this subsection shall prejudice any power of the Commissioners to require the provision of accommodation as a condition of their approval of any other premises or place under the Customs and Excise Acts 1979.
- (5) A distiller who after the approval of a distiller’s warehouse provided by him, makes without the previous consent of the Commissioners any alteration therein or addition thereto shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F53</sup>level 4 on the standard scale].
- (6) The Commissioners may make regulations—
  - (a) regulating the warehousing of spirits in a distiller’s warehouse;
  - (b) permitting, in so far as it appears to them necessary in order to meet the circumstances of any special case and subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, the deposit by a distiller in his distiller’s warehouse without payment of duty of spirits other than spirits manufactured at the distillery associated with that warehouse;
  - (c) for securing the duties on spirits so warehoused;and subject to any such regulations, the provisions of Parts VIII and X of the Management Act, except sections 92 and 96, shall apply in relation to a distiller’s warehouse and spirits warehoused therein as they apply in relation to an excise warehouse approved under subsection (1) of section 92 of that Act and goods warehoused therein.
- (6A) . . . . . <sup>F54</sup>
- (7) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (6) above [<sup>F55</sup>or with any condition . . . <sup>F56</sup> imposed under such a regulation] he shall, subject to subsection (8) below, be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F57</sup>level 5 on the standard scale][<sup>F55</sup>together in the case of such a failure with a penalty of £20 for each day on which the failure continues], and any spirits in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (8) The Commissioners may by any regulation under subsection (6) above provide a penalty of an amount less than that specified in subsection (7) above for any contravention of or failure to comply with that regulation [<sup>F58</sup>or with any condition, . . . <sup>F59</sup> imposed under that regulation].



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- (9) The Commissioners may at any time for reasonable cause revoke or vary the terms of their approval of a distiller's warehouse.

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P4** S. 15: ss. 2, 13 and 15 (with s. 3) power exercised (11.11.1991) by [S.I.1991/2564](#)  
For previous exercises of power see Index to Government Orders

#### Textual Amendments

- F51** S. 15(2) substituted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 14\(a\)](#)
- F52** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6
- F53** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6
- F54** S. 15(6A)(6B)(inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 14\(b\)](#)) repealed by [Finance Act 1986 \(c. 41, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 5, 114, [Sch. 3 para. 8\(a\)](#), [Sch. 23 Pt. I](#)
- F55** Words inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 14\(c\)](#)
- F56** Words repealed by [Finance Act 1986 \(c. 41, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 5, 114, [Sch. 3 para. 8\(b\)](#), [Sch. 23 Pt. I](#)
- F57** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) art. 5
- F58** Words inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 14\(d\)](#)
- F59** Words repealed by [Finance Act 1986 \(c. 41, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 5, 114, [Sch. 23 Pt. I](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** S. 15(7) excluded by [S.I. 1982/611](#), [reg. 23\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- C9** S. 15(7) restricted by [S.I. 1988/809](#), [reg. 6](#)

## 16 Racking of duty-paid spirits at distillery.

- (1) The Commissioners may, with a view to the protection of the revenue, make regulations regulating the racking at a distillery of duty-paid spirits.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F60</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and any spirits in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.
- [<sup>F61</sup>(3) If on an officer's taking stock of duty-paid spirits racked at a distillery, a greater quantity of alcohol is found at the place of racking than ought to be there according to any accounts required by regulations made under this section to be kept thereof then—
- (a) duty shall be charged on the excess; and
  - (b) if the excess amounts to more than 1 per cent. of the quantity of alcohol lawfully brought into the place of racking since stock was last taken, such a quantity of spirits as contains an amount of alcohol equal to that excess shall be liable to forfeiture, and the distiller shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of double the duty so charged.
- (4) Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) above shall not apply where the excess of alcohol is less than 3 litres.]



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### Textual Amendments

- F60** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6
- F61** [S. 16\(3\)\(4\)](#) substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), **art. 12**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** [S. 16](#) modified by [S.I. 1983/947](#), **regs. 12, 13**
- C11** [Ss. 16, 21, 22\(1\)\(3A\)\(5\), 42, 43](#) modified (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3152](#), **Pt. VI**, **regs. 11(c), 12**

## 17 Offences in connection with removal of spirits from distillery, etc.

- (1) If any person—
- conceals in or without the consent of the proper officer removes from a distillery any wort, wash, low wines, feints or spirits; or
  - knowingly buys or receives any wort, wash, low wines, feints or spirits so concealed or removed; or
  - knowingly buys or receives or has in his possession any spirits which have been removed from the place where they ought to have been charged with duty before the duty payable thereon has been charged and either paid or secured, not being spirits which have been condemned or are deemed to have been condemned as forfeited,
- he shall be guilty of an offence under this section and may be detained, and the goods shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
- on summary conviction, to a penalty of the prescribed sum or three times the value of the goods, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to both; or
  - on conviction on indictment, to a penalty of any amount, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or to both.

### *Rectifying and compounding of spirits*

## 18 Rectifier's and compounder's licences.

- (1) No person shall rectify or compound spirits and keep a still for that purpose unless he holds an excise licence under this section as a rectifier.
- (2) Except as permitted by the Commissioners and subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, no other person shall compound spirits unless he holds an excise licence under this section as a compounder.
- (3) ..... **F62**
- (4) ..... **F63**
- (5) The Commissioners may refuse to grant any person a licence as a rectifier in respect of any premises on which, from their situation with respect to a distillery, they think it inexpedient to allow the keeping of a still for rectifying or compounding spirits.

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- (6) Without prejudice to section 25 below and except as provided by this section, if any person rectifies or compounds spirits otherwise than under and in accordance with an excise licence under this Act so authorising him, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F64</sup>level 5 on the standard scale].

#### Textual Amendments

**F62** S. 18(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 8(2)(a), 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

**F63** S. 18(4) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1) s. 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

**F64** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

### 19 Regulation of rectifying and compounding.

- (1) The Commissioners may, with a view to the protection of the revenue, make regulations—
- (a) regulating the rectifying and compounding of spirits;
  - (b) regulating the receipt, storage, removal and delivery of spirits by rectifiers and compounders;

and different regulations may be made under this section for rectifiers and compounders.

[<sup>F65</sup>(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, regulations under that subsection may—

- (a) provide for the imposition under the regulations of conditions and restrictions relating to the matters mentioned in that subsection; and
- (b) impose or provide for the imposition under the regulations of requirements on rectifiers and compounders of spirits to keep and preserve records relating to their business as such and to produce them to an officer when required to do so for the purpose of allowing him to inspect them, to copy or take extracts from them or to remove them at a reasonable time and for a reasonable period.

(1B) Where any documents removed under the powers conferred by subsection (1A)(b) above are lost or damaged the Commissioners shall be liable to compensate their owner for any expenses reasonably incurred by him in replacing or repairing the documents.]

- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section [<sup>F66</sup>or with any condition, restriction or requirement imposed under any such regulation], he shall, subject to subsection (3) below, be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F67</sup>level 5 on the standard scale], and any spirits and any other article in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

- (3) The Commissioners may by any regulation under this section provide a penalty of an amount less than that specified in subsection (2) above for any contravention of or failure to comply with that regulation [<sup>F68</sup>or with any condition, restriction or requirement imposed under that regulation].

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### Textual Amendments

- F65** S. 19(1A)(1B) inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 15(a)**
- F66** Words inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 15(b)**
- F67** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts 5, 6
- F68** Words inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 15(c)**

## 20 Penalty for excess or deficiency in rectifier's stock.

- [<sup>F69</sup>(1) If at any time when an account is taken by an officer and a balance struck of the spirits in the stock of a rectifier any excess of alcohol is found, such a quantity of spirits as contains an amount of alcohol equal to the excess shall be liable to forfeiture and the rectifier shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of double the duty charged at the highest rate on a quantity of alcohol equal to the excess.
- (2) If at any time when an account is taken and a balance struck as aforesaid any deficiency of alcohol is found which cannot be accounted for to the satisfaction of the Commissioners and which exceeds 5 per cent. of the aggregate of—
- (a) the quantity of alcohol in the balance of spirits struck when an account was last taken; and
  - (b) the quantity of alcohol contained in any spirits since lawfully received by the rectifier,
- the rectifier shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of double the duty charged at the highest rate on the quantity of alcohol by which the deficiency exceeds the said 5 per cent.]
- (3) For the purposes of any such account and of this section—
- (a) spirits used by a rectifier in warehouse in pursuance of warehousing regulations shall be deemed not to be spirits in his stock as a rectifier; and
  - (b) where a rectifier also carries on the trade of a wholesaler of spirits on the same premises, all spirits in his possession (other than spirits so used) shall be deemed to be spirits in his stock as a rectifier.

### Textual Amendments

- F69** S. 20(1)(2) substituted by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 13**

## 21 Restrictions relating to rectifiers.

- (1) A rectifier shall not distil or extract feints or spirits from any other material than spirits on which duty has been duly paid.
- (2) A rectifier shall not have in his possession—
- (a) except for duty-paid spirits, any materials capable of being distilled into feints or spirits;
  - (b) ..... <sup>F70</sup>
- (3) If a rectifier contravenes subsection (1) or (2) above, or if his still is found to contain any materials capable of being distilled as aforesaid other than duty-paid spirits,

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whether or not mixed with spirits on which duty has been duly paid, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F71</sup>level 5 on the standard scale] or double the duty [<sup>F72</sup>charged at the highest rate on a quantity of alcohol equal to the quantity of alcohol contained in] the materials or spirits in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater.

- (4) If a rectifier is convicted more than once under this section, his licence shall become void and he shall be disqualified from holding a licence as a rectifier for a period of 3 years from the date of his latest conviction.
- (5) Spirits used in warehouse in pursuance of warehousing regulations shall be treated for the purposes of this section as duty-paid spirits.

#### Textual Amendments

- F70** S. 21(2)(b) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), **Sch. 19 Pt. III**
- F71** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1) ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts 5, 6
- F72** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, **art. 14**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C12** S. 21 modified by S.I. 1983/947, **regs. 12, 13**
- C13** Ss. 16, 21, 22(1)(3A)(5), 42, 43 modified (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3152, **Pt. VI**, regs. 11(c), 12

## 22 Drawback on British compounds and spirits of wine.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and to such conditions and restrictions as the Commissioners may by regulations impose, a rectifier or compounder may warehouse in an excise warehouse on drawback any British compounded spirits or spirits of wine rectified or compounded by him from duty-paid spirits and not containing any methyl alcohol or any wine, made-wine or other fermented liquor.
- (2) British compounded spirits may be warehoused under this section for exportation [<sup>F73</sup>or removal to the Isle of Man], for use in any permitted operation in warehouse, for use as stores or, except in the case of tinctures other than perfumed spirits, for home use.
- (3) Spirits of wine may be warehoused under this section—
  - (a) For exportation, for use in any permitted operation in warehouse, or for use as stores; or
  - (b) if of a strength of not less than [<sup>F74</sup>85 per cent.], for delivery for use in art or manufacture under section 10 above; or
  - (c) if of a strength of not less than [<sup>F75</sup>99 per cent.], for home use.
- [<sup>F76</sup>(3A) The Commissioners may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as they may by regulations impose, allow drawback to any person on any British compounded spirits or spirits of wine rectified or compounded by him from duty-paid spirits and not containing any methyl alcohol or any wine, made-wine or other fermented liquor if they are exported direct from his premises.]
- (4) The Commissioners may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as they may by regulations impose, allow drawback on tinctures or spirits of wine exported or, except

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in the case of spirits of wine, shipped as stores by a rectifier or compounder direct from his premises.

- [<sup>F77</sup>(5) Subject to subsection 6 below, the amount of any drawback payable under this section shall be calculated by reference to the quantity of alcohol contained in the British compounded spirits or spirits of wine and shall be an amount equal to the duty at the appropriate rate chargeable on spirits containing an equal quantity of alcohol and so chargeable at the date when duty was paid on the spirits from which the British compounded spirits or spirits of wine were rectified or compounded.]
- (6) The Commissioners may, in the case of tinctures exported or shipped as stores by a rectifier or compounder direct from his premises, make such addition to the quantity of spirits as they see fit in respect of waste.
- (7) ..... <sup>F78</sup>
- (8) British compounded spirits warehoused under this section for home use shall upon delivery from warehouse for that purpose be chargeable with the same rate of duty as spirits warehoused by a distiller.
- (9) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section then, in addition to any other penalty he may have incurred under the Customs and Excise Acts 1979, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F79</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], and any article in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (10) In this section “tinctures” means medicinal spirits, flavouring essences, perfumed spirits and such other articles containing spirits as the Commissioners may by regulations specify as tinctures.

#### Textual Amendments

- F73** Words inserted by [Isle of Man Act 1979 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 29](#)
- F74** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), [art. 15\(a\)](#)
- F75** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), [art. 15\(b\)](#)
- F76** [S. 22\(3A\)](#) inserted by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 11(1), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 16](#)
- F77** [S. 22\(5\)](#) substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), [art. 15\(c\)](#)
- F78** [S. 22\(7\)](#) repealed by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 6(2), 148, [Sch. 14 Pt. I](#)
- F79** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C14** [S. 22\(1\)](#) modified by [S.I. 1983/947](#), [regs. 12, 13](#)
- C15** [Ss. 16, 21, 22\(1\)\(3A\)\(5\), 42, 43](#) modified (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3152](#), [Pt. VI](#), [regs. 11\(c\), 12](#)
- C16** [S. 22\(3A\)](#) modified by [S.I. 1983/947](#), [regs. 12, 13](#)
- C17** [S. 22\(5\)](#) modified by [S.I. 1983/947](#), [regs. 12, 13](#)

## 23 Allowance on British compounds.

- (1) Where any British compounded spirits—
- (a) having been warehoused, are on removal from warehouse exported or shipped as stores; or

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- (b) are permitted under section 22 above to be exported or shipped as stores on drawback direct from the premises of a rectifier or compounder; or
  - (c) are used in warehouse for fortifying wine or for any other purpose for which spirits are permitted by or under this or any other Act to be used in warehouse, there shall, subject to the provisions of this section and to such conditions as the Commissioners see fit to impose, be paid in respect of each [<sup>F80</sup>litre of alcohol contained in those spirits an allowance of £0·008].
- (2) In the case of British compounded spirits of a strength exceeding [<sup>F81</sup>63 per cent.] which are deposited in a warehouse, the allowance mentioned in subsection (1) above may, subject as aforesaid, instead of being paid as provided in that subsection be paid on the warehousing of the spirits.
- (3) No allowance shall be payable on any British compounded spirits under this section if those spirits were compounded in warehouse in pursuance of warehousing regulations or, in any other case, unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that the spirits have been distinctly altered in character by redistillation with or by the addition of flavouring or other matter.
- (4) Any allowance on British compounded spirits under this section—
- (a) when paid on their exportation or shipment as stores, shall be paid to the person by whom security is given for that exportation or shipment;
  - (b) when paid on their use in warehouse, shall be paid to the person upon whose written request they are so used;
  - (c) when paid on their warehousing, shall be paid to the person in whose name they are warehoused.

#### Textual Amendments

**F80** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 16\(a\)](#)

**F81** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 16\(b\)](#)

#### *General provisions relating to manufacture of spirits and British compounds*

### 24 **Restriction on carrying on of other trades by distiller or rectifier.**

- (1) [<sup>F82</sup>Save with the permission of the Commissioners and subject to compliance with such conditions as they see fit to impose] a distiller or rectifier shall not—
- (a) carry on upon his premises the trade of a brewer for sale, producer of wine or of made-wine, maker of cider, vinegar-maker, refiner of sugar, wholesaler or retailer of wine, made-wine or beer, or retailer of methylated spirits or cider; or
  - (b) carry on the trade of a distiller or, as the case may be, rectifier on any premises communicating otherwise than by a public roadway with other premises on which any such trade as is mentioned in paragraph (a) above or that of a wholesaler of spirits is carried on.
- (2) Save with the permission of the Commissioners and subject to compliance with such conditions as they see fit to impose, a distiller or rectifier shall not—
- (a) carry on upon his premises the trade of a retailer of spirits; or



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- (b) carry on the trade of a distiller or, as the case may be, rectifier on any premises communicating otherwise than by a public roadway with other premises on which the trade of retailer of spirits is carried on.
- (3) Save with the permission of the Commissioners and subject to compliance with such conditions as they see fit to impose, a distiller or rectifier shall not be concerned or interested in the trade of a retailer [<sup>F83</sup>or wholesaler] of spirits carried on within [<sup>F84</sup>3 kilometres] of his distillery or, as the case may be, rectifying house.
- (4) If any person contravenes any provision of this section or contravenes or fails to comply with any condition imposed thereunder, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F85</sup>level 4 on the standard scale].

#### Textual Amendments

- F82** Words inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 17(a)
- F83** Words inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 17(b)
- F84** Words in s. 24(3) substituted (31.8.1992) by S.I. 1992/1917, art. 2(a)
- F85** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

## 25 Penalty for unlawful manufacture of spirits, etc.

- (1) Save as provided by or under this Act, any person who, otherwise than under and in accordance with an excise licence under this Act so authorising him—
  - (a) manufactures spirits, whether by distillation of a fermented liquor or by any other process; or
  - (b) .....<sup>F86</sup> uses a still for distilling, rectifying or compounding spirits; or
  - (c) distils or has in his possession any low wines or feints; or
  - (d) not being a vinegar-maker, brews or makes or has in his possession any wort or wash fit for distillation,shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F87</sup>level 5 on the standard scale].
- (2) Where there is insufficient evidence to convict a person of an offence under subsection (1) above, but it is proved that such an offence has been committed on some part of premises belonging to or occupied by that person in such circumstances that it could not have been committed without his knowledge, that person shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F88</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
- (3) Any person found on premises on which spirits are being unlawfully manufactured or on which a still is being unlawfully used for rectifying or compounding spirits may be detained.
- (4) All spirits and stills, vessels, utensils, wort, wash and other materials for manufacturing, distilling or preparing spirits—
  - (a) found in the possession of any person who commits an offence under subsection (1) above; or
  - (b) found on any premises on which such an offence has been committed,shall be liable to forfeiture.

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- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Customs and Excise Acts 1979 relating to goods seized as liable to forfeiture, any officer by whom any thing is seized as liable to forfeiture under subsection (4) above may at his discretion forthwith spill, break up or destroy that thing.
- (6) Without prejudice to any other power conferred by the Customs and Excise Acts 1979, if any officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that any thing liable to forfeiture under this section is in or upon any land or other premises in Northern Ireland, he may enter upon those premises, if need be by force, and search them and seize and remove any thing which he has reasonable grounds to believe to be so liable.

#### Textual Amendments

- F86** Words repealed by [Finance Act 1986 \(c. 41, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 114, [Sch. 23 Pt. IV](#)
- F87** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 289G and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) art. 5
- F88** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### General provisions relating to spirits

### 26 Importation and exportation of spirits.

- (1) Save as permitted by the Commissioners, spirits shall not be imported—
  - (a) in any ship of less than 40 tons register; or
  - (b) in containers of a capacity of less than [<sup>F89</sup>40 litres] each unless in bottles properly packed in cases.
- (2) Save as permitted by the Commissioners, spirits other than bottled spirits shall not be exported, or be removed to the Isle of Man, or be brought to any place or be waterborne for exportation or for removal to the Isle of Man, in containers holding less than [<sup>F89</sup>40 litres] each.
- (3) Any spirits imported, exported, removed, brought or waterborne contrary to this section shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (4) Where any ship is or has been [<sup>F90</sup>in United Kingdom waters] while having on board or attached in any manner thereto any spirits in containers other than such as are permitted by or under subsection (1) of this section, the ship and any such spirits found therein shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1) above, all hovercraft (of whatever size) shall be treated as ships of less than 40 tons register and subsection (4) above shall apply as if any reference to a ship included a reference to a hovercraft.

#### Textual Amendments

- F89** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), art. 17
- F90** Words substituted by [Territorial Sea Act 1987 \(c. 49, SIF 29:1\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 1 para. 5\(2\)](#)



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**Textual Amendments**

F91 Ss. 27–30 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III

31 ..... F92

**Textual Amendments**

F92 S. 31 repealed by S.I. 1989/2098, art. 2

**32 Restriction on transfer of British spirits in warehouse.**

- (1) No spirits in a distiller’s warehouse may be transferred to a purchaser until the distiller has given such security for the payment of duty as the Commissioners may require, . . .  
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- (2) Spirits manufactured in the United Kingdom chargeable with duty which has not been paid which are in any warehouse other than a distiller’s warehouse shall not be transferred into the name of a purchaser until the purchaser produces to the officer in charge of the warehouse a written order for the delivery of the spirits signed by the person in whose name they are warehoused and countersigned by the occupier of the warehouse or a servant of his acting for him at the warehouse.
- (3) Any spirits duly transferred in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be discharged from any liability under the Customs and Excise Acts 1979 in respect of the non-payment of any duty or penalty by the transferor.

**Textual Amendments**

F93 Words repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss. 11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 19, Sch. 19 Pt. III

**33 Restrictions on use of certain goods relieved from spirits duty.**

- (1) If any person uses otherwise than for a medical or scientific purpose—
  - (a) any mixture which has on importation been relieved to any extent of the duty chargeable in respect of the spirits contained in it or used in its preparation or manufacture by reason of being a mixture which is recognised by the Commissioners as being used for medical purposes; or
  - (b) any article containing spirits which were exempted from duty under section 7 above; or
  - (c) any article manufactured or prepared from spirits in respect of which [F94 remission] of duty has been obtained under section 8 above; . . . F95
  - (d) ..... F95he shall, unless he has complied with the requirements specified in subsection (2) below, be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of three times the value of the

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mixture or article so used or [<sup>F96</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], whichever is the greater, and any article in his possession in the preparation or manufacture of which the mixture or article has been used shall be liable to forfeiture.

- (2) The requirements with which a person must comply to avoid incurring liability under subsection (1) above are that—
- (a) he must obtain the consent of the Commissioners in writing to the use of the mixture or article otherwise than for a medical or scientific purpose; and
  - (b) he must pay to the Commissioners an amount equal to the difference between the duty charged on the mixture and the duty which would have been chargeable if it had not been a mixture recognised as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above, or to the amount of the duty [<sup>F97</sup>remitted], as the case may be.
- (3) The Commissioners may make regulations for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) above may in particular require any person carrying on any trade in which spirits, or mixtures or articles containing or prepared or manufactured with spirits, are in the opinion of the Commissioners likely to be or to have been used—
- (a) to give and verify particulars of the materials which he is using or has used and of any such mixtures or articles which he has sold; and
  - (b) to produce any books of account or other documents of whatever nature relating to any such materials, mixtures or articles.
- (5) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (3) above he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F98</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
- (6) In this section “mixture” includes a preparation and a compound, and any reference to a mixture or article includes a reference to any part thereof.

#### Textual Amendments

- F94** Word substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\), s. 6\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F95** [S. 33\(1\)\(d\)](#) and the word “or” immediately preceding it repealed by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\), s. 6\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F96** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703, \(N.I. 3\) arts. 5, 6](#)
- F97** Word substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\), s. 6\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- F98** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703, \(N.I. 3\) arts. 5, 6](#)

### 34 Prohibition of grogging.

- (1) No person shall—
- (a) subject any cask to any process for the purpose of extracting any spirits absorbed in the wood thereof; or

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- (b) have on his premises any cask which is being subjected to any such process or any spirits extracted from the wood of any cask.
- (2) Any person contravening any provision of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [F99]level 3 on the standard scale].
- (3) All spirits extracted contrary to this section and every cask which is being subjected to any such process or which, being upon premises upon which spirits so extracted are found, has been subjected to any such process shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F99** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts 5, 6

### 35 Returns as to importation, manufacture, sale or use of alcohols.

- (1) The Commissioners may, in so far as it seems to them expedient so to do for the purposes of protecting the revenue arising from the duties on spirits, make regulations requiring importers, manufacturers, sellers or users of—
- (a) the following alcohols, that is to say, methyl, propyl, butyl or amyl alcohol, or
- (b) any of the isomeric forms of such alcohols,
- to furnish returns containing such particulars as may be prescribed by the regulations in respect of the importation, manufacture, sale or use by any such persons of any of the articles specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.
- (2) Provision may be made by any regulations under this section for requiring persons by whom and premises on which any such articles are manufactured to be registered.
- (3) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [F100]level 1 on the standard scale].

#### Textual Amendments

**F100** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) art. 5

## PART III

### BEER

#### *Charge of excise duty*

### 36 Beer: charge of excise duty.

There shall be charged on beer—

- (a) imported into the United Kingdom; or

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- (b) brewed in the United Kingdom,  
a duty of excise [<sup>F101</sup>at the rate of [<sup>F102</sup>£1.108] per hectolitre for every degree by which the original gravity of the beer exceeds 1000 degrees].

#### Textual Amendments

**F101** Words substituted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1(1)(b)(6)

**F102** Words in s. 36 substituted (with effect from 6 p.m. on 10.3.1992) by virtue of Finance Act 1992 (c. 20), s. 1(2)(5)

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#### <sup>F103</sup>Reduced rates of excise duty

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 4, Sch. 1 para. 2

#### 36A Beer from small breweries: introductory

- (1) For the purposes of section 36(1AA) above (but subject to subsection (2) below)—
- (a) whether beer produced in a singleton brewery is “small brewery beer” is determined in accordance with section 36C below, and
  - (b) whether beer produced in a co-operated brewery is “small brewery beer” is determined in accordance with section 36E below.
- (2) Beer is not small brewery beer if it is produced by a person on any premises in circumstances in which he is required to be, but is not, registered under section 47 below in respect of those premises.

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 4, Sch. 1 para. 2

#### 36B Interpretation of provisions relating to small brewery beer

- (1) The following provisions of this section have effect for the purposes of section 36(1AA) above, section 36A above, this section and sections 36C to 36F below.
- (2) A brewery is a “singleton brewery” at any particular time in a calendar year if it is not a co-operated brewery at that time.
- (3) A brewery is a “co-operated brewery” at any particular time in a calendar year if—
- (a) a person who produces beer in the brewery at that time or any earlier time in that year, or

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- (b) a person connected with such a person,  
also produces beer in any other brewery at that time or any earlier time in that year.
- (4) “Brewery” means premises (whether or not in the United Kingdom) on which beer is produced and that are situated physically apart from any other premises on which beer is produced.
- (5) “The standard beer duty rate” means the rate of duty specified by section 36(1AA) (a) above.
- (6) References to “the grossed-up amount” of an estimate of the amount of a brewery’s production in a calendar year are to the amount given by—

$$\frac{E}{(365 - N)} \times 365$$

where—

E is the amount of the estimate, and

N is the number of days (if any) in the calendar year before the brewery begins to be used as beer-production premises.

- (7) References to a brewery being used as beer-production premises are, in the case of a brewery in the United Kingdom, to there being at least one person who is required to be registered under section 47 below in respect of the brewery.
- (8) Any question whether a person is connected with another shall be determined in accordance with section 839 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by [Finance Act 2002 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 4, [Sch. 1 para. 2](#)

### 36C Meaning of “small brewery beer”: beer from singleton breweries

- (1) This section applies to beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year (“the current year”) when the brewery is a singleton brewery.
- (2) The beer is “small brewery beer” if the following conditions are satisfied; but this is subject to subsections (9) and (10) below.
- (3) The first condition is that either—
- no beer was produced in the brewery in the previous calendar year (“the previous year”), or
  - the amount of beer produced in the brewery in the previous year was not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

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- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b) above, where the brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, the amount of beer produced in the previous year in the brewery shall be taken to have been—

$$\frac{A}{D} \times 365$$

where—

A is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in the brewery, and

D is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

- (5) The second condition is that the amount of the estimate under subsection (9) below of the brewery's production in the current year is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.
- (6) The third condition is that if the brewery begins to be used as beer-production premises part-way through the current year, the grossed-up amount of that estimate is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.
- (7) The fourth condition is that less than half of the beer produced in the brewery in the previous year was produced under licence.
- (8) The fifth condition is that the beer is not produced under licence.
- (9) Beer produced in the brewery in the current year before the person who first produces beer in the brewery in that year has made a reasonable estimate of the amount of beer that will be produced in the brewery in that year is not small brewery beer.
- (10) Beer produced in the brewery in the current year after the amount of beer produced in the brewery in the current year has reached 30,000 hectolitres is not small brewery beer.
- (11) Subsection (10) above is without prejudice to section 167(4) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (recovery of duty unpaid by reason of untrue document or statement).

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 4, Sch. 1 para. 2

### 36D Rate of duty for small brewery beer from singleton breweries

- (1) This section applies to small brewery beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year ("the current year") when the brewery is a singleton brewery.
- (2) The rate of duty in the case of that beer ("the brewery rate") is determined in accordance with this section.

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(3) Subsection (4) below applies if—

- (a) beer was produced in the brewery in the previous calendar year (“the previous year”) and the amount produced in the brewery in that year was not more than 5,000 hectolitres, or
- (b) no beer was produced in the brewery in the previous year and the grossed-up amount of the estimate under section 36C(9) above of the brewery’s production in the current year is not more than 5,000 hectolitres.

(4) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is 50% of the standard beer duty rate at the time concerned; but this is subject to rounding under subsection (7) below.

(5) Subsection (6) below applies if—

- (a) beer was produced in the brewery in the previous year and the amount produced in the brewery in that year was more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres, or
- (b) no beer was produced in the brewery in the previous year and the grossed-up amount of the estimate under section 36C(9) above of the brewery’s production in the current year is more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

(6) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is, subject to rounding under subsection (7) below, given by—

$$\frac{P - 2,500}{P} \times \text{the standard beer duty rate at the time concerned}$$

where—

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (5)(a) above, P is the amount, in hectolitres, of beer produced in the brewery in the previous year, and

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (5)(b) above, P is the grossed-up amount (expressed in hectolitres) mentioned in subsection (5)(b).

(7) Where a rate given by subsection (4) or (6) above would (apart from this subsection) not be a whole number of pennies, the rate given by that subsection shall be taken to be the rate actually given by that subsection rounded up to the nearest penny.

(8) Where the brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, for the purposes of subsections (3)(a), (5)(a) and (6) above the amount of beer produced in the brewery in the previous year shall be taken to have been—

$$\frac{A}{D} \times 365$$

where—

A is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in the brewery, and



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D is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

#### Textual Amendments

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### 36E Meaning of “small brewery beer”: beer from co-operated breweries

- (1) This section applies to beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year (“the current year”) when the brewery is a co-operated brewery.
- (2) The beer is “small brewery beer” if the following conditions are satisfied; but this is subject to subsections (10) and (11) below.
- (3) In this section—
  - “the group” means the group of breweries consisting of—
    - (a) the co-operated brewery, and
    - (b) every brewery (other than the co-operated brewery) in which beer is produced at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, or at any earlier time in the current year, by—
      - (i) a person who produces beer in the co-operated brewery at the time so mentioned or at any earlier time in the current year, or
      - (ii) a person connected with such a person;
  - “group brewery” means a brewery that is in the group;
  - “the previous year” means the calendar year immediately preceding the current year.
- (4) The first condition is that either—
  - (a) no beer was produced in the previous year in the group, or
  - (b) the amount given by PY + GE is not more than 30,000 hectolitres, where—
    - PY is the amount of beer produced in the previous year in the group, and
    - GE is the aggregate of the grossed-up amount of each estimate that—
      - (i) is an estimate for the purposes of subsection (10) below of the amount of the production in the current year in a group brewery in which no beer was produced in the previous year, and
      - (ii) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4)(b) above, where a group brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, the amount of beer produced in the previous year in that brewery shall be taken to have been—

$$\frac{A}{D} \times 365$$



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where—

A is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in that brewery, and

D is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

- (6) The second condition is that the aggregate of each estimate that—
- (a) is an estimate for the purposes of subsection (10) below of the amount of a group brewery’s production in the current year, and
  - (b) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above,
- is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.
- (7) The third condition is that if any group brewery begins to be used as beer-production premises part-way through the current year, the aggregate of the grossed-up amount of each estimate that—
- (a) is an estimate for the purposes of subsection (10) below of the amount of a group brewery’s production in the current year, and
  - (b) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above,
- is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.
- (8) The fourth condition is that less than half of the beer produced in the previous year in each group brewery was produced under licence.
- (9) The fifth condition is that the beer is not produced under licence.
- (10) Beer produced in the co-operated brewery at an unestimated time is not small brewery beer; and here “unestimated time” means a time in the current year when there is a group brewery for which there does not exist a reasonable estimate, made by the person who first produces beer in that brewery in that year, of the amount of beer that will be produced in that brewery in that year.
- (11) Beer produced in the co-operated brewery in the current year after the amount of beer produced in the group in the current year has reached 30,000 hectolitres is not small brewery beer.
- (12) Subsection (11) above is without prejudice to section 167(4) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (recovery of duty unpaid by reason of untrue document or statement).

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 4, Sch. 1 para. 2

### 36F Rate of duty for small brewery beer from co-operated breweries

- (1) This section applies to small brewery beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year (“the current year”) when the brewery is a co-operated brewery.
- (2) The rate of duty in the case of that beer (“the brewery rate”) is determined in accordance with this section.
- (3) In this section—

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“the group” means the group of breweries consisting of—

- (a) the co-operated brewery, and
- (b) every brewery (other than the co-operated brewery) in which beer is produced at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, or at any earlier time in the current year, by—
  - (i) a person who produces beer in the co-operated brewery at the time so mentioned or at any earlier time in the current year, or
  - (ii) a person connected with such a person;

“group brewery” means a brewery that is in the group;

“the previous year” means the calendar year immediately preceding the current year;

“the notional previous year’s production” has the meaning given by subsection (4) below.

- (4) In this section “the notional previous year’s production” means the amount, in hectolitres, given by  $PY + GE$  where—

PY is the amount of beer produced in the group in the previous year, and

GE is the aggregate of the grossed-up amount of each estimate that—

- (a) is an estimate for the purposes of section 36E(10) above of the amount of the production in the current year in a group brewery in which no beer was produced in the previous year, and
- (b) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above.

- (5) Where a group brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, in calculating PY for the purposes of subsection (4) above the amount of beer produced in that brewery in the previous year shall be taken to have been—

$$\frac{A}{D} \times 365$$

where—

A is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in that brewery, and

D is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

- (6) Subsection (7) below applies if—
- (a) beer was produced in at least one group brewery in the previous year and the notional previous year’s production is not more than 5,000 hectolitres, or
  - (b) no beer was produced in the group in the previous year and the aggregate of each estimate that—
    - (i) is an estimate for the purposes of section 36E(10) above of the amount of a group brewery’s production in the current year, and
    - (ii) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, is not more than 5,000 hectolitres.

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- (7) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is 50% of the standard rate at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above; but this is subject to rounding under subsection (10) below.
- (8) Subsection (9) below applies if—
- (a) beer was produced in at least one group brewery in the previous year and the notional previous year’s production is more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres, or
  - (b) no beer was produced in the group in the previous year and the aggregate mentioned in subsection (6)(b) above is more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres.
- (9) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is, subject to rounding under subsection (10) below, given by—

$$\frac{P - 2,500}{P} \times \text{the standard rate}$$

where—

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (8)(a) above, P is the previous year’s notional production,

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (8)(b) above, P is the amount, in hectolitres, of the aggregate mentioned in subsection (6)(b) above, and

“the standard rate” means the standard beer duty rate at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above.

- (10) Where a rate given by subsection (7) or (9) above would (apart from this subsection) not be a whole number of pennies, the rate given by that subsection shall be taken to be the rate actually given by that subsection rounded up to the nearest penny.

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by [Finance Act 2002 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 4, [Sch. 1 para. 2](#)

### 36G Assessments where incorrectly low rate of duty applied

- (1) Subsection (3) below applies if—
- (a) duty is charged by section 36 above on any beer, and
  - (b) it appears at the excise duty point that the beer is small brewery beer for the purposes of section 36(1AA) above, but
  - (c) it turns out that the beer was not small brewery beer for those purposes (because, for example, circumstances were not as they appeared at that point or they subsequently changed).
- (2) Subsection (3) below also applies if—

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- (a) duty is charged by section 36 above on any beer that is small brewery beer for the purposes of section 36(1AA) above, and
  - (b) the rate of duty that at the excise duty point appeared to be the correct rate turns out to have been lower than the correct rate (because, for example, circumstances were not as they appeared at that point or they subsequently changed).
- (3) In any such case the Commissioners—
- (a) may assess the amount that is the difference between—
    - (i) the actual amount of the duty charged on the beer by section 36 above, and
    - (ii) the lower amount that, at the excise duty point, appeared to be the amount charged,
 as being excise duty due from the person liable to pay the duty charged on the beer by section 36 above, and
  - (b) may notify him or his representative accordingly.
- (4) Where two or more persons are liable to pay the duty charged on the beer—
- (a) the reference in subsection (3)(a) above to the person liable to pay the duty is to any one or more of those persons, and
  - (b) the reference in subsection (3)(b) above to notifying the person liable or his representative is to notifying each person assessed or his representative.

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 4, **Sch. 1 para. 2**

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### 36H Power to vary reduced rate provisions

- (1) The Treasury may by order made by statutory instrument make provision amending this Act for the purpose of causing excise duty to be charged on a description of beer—
- (a) at a reduced rate instead of at the standard rate;
  - (b) at the standard rate instead of at a reduced rate;
  - (c) at a different reduced rate.
- (2) In this section—
- “reduced rate” means a rate lower than the standard rate, and
  - “the standard rate” means the rate specified by section 36(1AA)(a) above.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) above may—
- (a) make different provision for different cases;
  - (b) make such consequential amendments in this Act and other enactments as appear to the Treasury to be necessary or expedient;

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(c) make such other consequential provision, and such incidental and transitional provision, as appears to the Treasury to be necessary or expedient.

(4) A statutory instrument by which there is made an order under subsection (1) above shall be laid before the House of Commons after being made.

Unless the instrument is approved by the House of Commons before the expiration of 28 days beginning with the date on which the instrument was made, the order shall cease to have effect on the expiration of that period.

Where the order so ceases to have effect, that does not prejudice—

- (a) anything previously done under the order, or
- (b) the making of a new order.

In reckoning any such period of 28 days, no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which the House of Commons is adjourned for more than 4 days.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F103** Ss. 36A-36H inserted (retrospective to 1.6.2002 (except s. 36H in force at 24.7.2002)) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 4, Sch. 1 para. 2

### *Computation of excise duty*

#### **37 Charge of duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom: general**

(1) The quantity of worts and the gravity thereof by reference to which the duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom is charged shall, according as is provided in sections 38 and 39 below, be either—

- (a) the quantity and the original gravity of the worts produced; or
- (b) the quantity of worts of an original gravity of 1055\_ deemed to have been brewed from the materials used.

(2) For the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of worts of an original gravity of 1055\_ deemed to have been brewed from the materials used, a brewer shall be deemed, subject to subsection (4) below, to have brewed [<sup>F104</sup>1 hectolitre] of worts of that gravity for every unit of materials recorded by him in pursuance of regulations under section 49 or 53 below or used by him in any brewing.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) above “unit of materials” means—

- (a) [<sup>F105</sup>24 kilograms] of malt or corn of any description; or
- (b) [<sup>F105</sup>16 kilograms] of sugar; or
- (c) a quantity of malt, corn and sugar, or of any two of those materials, which by relation to paragraph (a) and (b) above is the equivalent of either of the quantities mentioned in those paragraphs.

(4) In the case of a brewer for sale, where any materials used for brewing by the brewer are proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners to be of such a description or nature that some deduction from the quantity deemed to have been brewed should be

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made, the Commissioners shall make such a deduction from that quantity as will in their opinion afford just relief to the brewer.

- (5) In subsection (3) above “sugar” includes—
- (a) any saccharine substance, extract or syrup;
  - (b) rice;
  - (c) flaked maize and any other description of corn which in the opinion of the Commissioners is prepared in a manner similar to flaked maize;
  - (d) any other material capable of being used in brewing except malt or corn;
- and “corn” in that subsection means corn other than corn included in the foregoing definition of sugar.
- (6) In the case of a brewer for sale, this section and section 38 below shall have effect as if priming and colouring solutions were worts.

#### Textual Amendments

**F104** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 21\(a\)](#)

**F105** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 21\(b\)](#)

### 38 Charge of duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom: brewer for sale.

- (1) The duty on beer brewed by a brewer for sale shall be charged and paid in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (2) In respect of each brewing, duty shall first be charged by reference to the quantity and original gravity of the worts produced, as recorded by the brewer in pursuance of regulations made under section 49 below or as ascertained by the proper officer, whichever quantity and whichever gravity is the greater, less 6 per cent. of that quantity.
- (3) There shall be ascertained in respect of each brewing—
  - (a) the quantity of worts of an original gravity of 1055\_ which is the equivalent of the worts produced; and
  - (b) the quantity of worts of that gravity deemed to have been brewed from the materials used in accordance with section 37(2) above;

and if the quantity mentioned in paragraph (b) above, less 4 per cent., exceeds the quantity mentioned in paragraph (a) above duty shall in addition be charged on the excess, less 6 per cent. thereof.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(a) above, the equivalent therein mentioned shall be taken to be the quantity of the worts produced—
  - (a) multiplied by the number, less 1000, of the degrees representing their original gravity; and
  - (b) divided by 55.
- (5) If at any time while any worts are in the collecting or fermenting vessels at a brewery the original gravity of the worts is found to exceed by 5\_ or more the gravity recorded by the brewer in pursuance of regulations made under section 49 below or that ascertained by the proper officer, those worts may be deemed to be the produce of a fresh brewing and be charged with duty accordingly.

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- (6) Where beer has been prepared by a process of mixing by a brewer for sale and the aggregate amount charged in respect of duty on the several constituents of the beer exceeds the amount which would have been so charged on the mixture, the Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, remit or repay the excess.
- (7) The conditions which may be imposed under subsection (6) above include conditions as to the method of computing the amount which would have been charged in respect of duty on the mixture and of ascertaining any matter by reference to which that amount is to be computed.
- (8) Subject to subsection (9) below, the amount [<sup>F106</sup>chargeable in respect of duty shall be determined and become due in accordance with regulations made under section 49 below].
- (9) The Commissioners may [<sup>F107</sup>permit the duty chargeable to be determined] at the close of each month in respect of all the brewings during that month, and, in that case, the aggregate of the quantities of worts produced and the aggregate of the quantities of worts deemed to have been brewed from the materials used shall be treated as worts produced or deemed to have been brewed in one brewing, and, subject to subsection (10) below, the Commissioners may, if they think fit, allow payment of the duty to be deferred upon such terms as they see fit.
- (10) Where the Commissioners allow payment of duty to be deferred under subsection (9) above the date of payment shall be—
  - (a) in the case of worts of beer to which this paragraph applies, such date as may be so allowed, not being later than the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month after the month in which the duty was charged;
  - (b) in any other case, such date as may be so allowed, not being later than the twenty-fifth day of the month next following that in which the duty was charged.
- (11) Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) above applies to worts of beer of an original gravity of or exceeding 1070\_ and worts of lager beer, being in each case beer kept for a period of at least three months on the entered premises in which it is brewed, but does not apply to priming or colouring solutions.

#### Textual Amendments

**F106** Words substituted by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), s. 6, Sch. 3 para. 3(1)

**F107** Words substituted by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), s. 6, Sch. 3 para. 3(2)

### 39 Charge of duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom: private brewer.

- (1) The duty on beer brewed by the holder of a limited licence to brew beer or of a corresponding licence in Northern Ireland shall be charged and paid in accordance with subsections (2) and (3) below.
- (2) Duty shall be charged by reference to the quantity of worts of an original gravity of 1055\_ deemed to have been brewed from the materials used in accordance with section 37(2) above, less 6 per cent. of that quantity.



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- (3) The charge of duty shall be made up and the amount payable in respect thereof shall be paid at such times as the Commissioners may appoint.

#### 40 Charge of duty on imported beer.

- (1) When any beer is imported or is removed into the United Kingdom from the Isle of Man, the importer or person so removing the beer shall deliver to the proper officer in such form and manner as the Commissioners may direct a declaration of the original gravity thereof; and, for the purpose of charging duty on the beer, the original gravity thereof shall be taken to be the original gravity stated in the declaration or the original gravity as ascertained by the proper officer, whichever is the higher.
- (2) If the original gravity as ascertained by the proper officer exceeds by 2\_ or more that stated in the declaration, the beer shall be liable to forfeiture; and if the original gravity as so ascertained exceeds by 5\_ or more that stated in the declaration, the importer of or person removing the beer, and any agent of his by whom the declaration was made, shall each be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F108</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
- [<sup>F109</sup>(3) The duty chargeable on beer to which subsection (1) above applies and which is imported or removed into the United Kingdom in containers having a capacity of more than 10 litres shall be charged on a quantity which is 2 per cent. less than the quantity so imported or removed.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F108** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I.) arts. 5, 6

**F109** [S. 40\(3\)](#) added by [Finance Act 1982 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), **s. 9(3)(4)**

#### Reliefs from excise duty

#### 41 Exemption from duty of beer brewed for private consumption.

The duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom shall not be chargeable on beer brewed by a person who—

- (a) brews only for his own domestic use or for consumption by farm labourers employed by him in the actual course of their labour or employment; and
- (b) is not also a wholesaler or retailer of beer.

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#### [41A <sup>F110</sup>Suspension of duty: registration of persons and premises.

- (1) A person registered by the Commissioners under this section may hold, on premises so registered in relation to him, any beer of a prescribed class or description—
- (a) which has been produced in, or imported into, the United Kingdom, and
  - (b) which is chargeable as such with excise duty,



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without payment of that duty.

- (2) A person entitled under subsection (1) above to hold beer on premises without payment of duty may also without payment of duty carry out on those premises such operations as may be prescribed on, or in relation to, such of the beer as may be prescribed.
- (3) No person shall be registered under this section unless—
  - (a) he is a registered brewer or a packager of beer; and
  - (b) he appears to the Commissioners to satisfy such requirements for registration as they may think fit to impose.
- (4) No premises shall be registered under this section unless—
  - (a) they are used for the production or packaging of beer, or
  - (b) they are adjacent to, and occupied by the same person as, premises falling within paragraph (a) above which are registered under this section,and they appear to the Commissioners to satisfy such requirements for registration as the Commissioners may think fit to impose.
- (5) The Commissioners may register a person or premises under this section for such periods and subject to such conditions as they think fit.
- (6) The Commissioners may at any time for reasonable cause—
  - (a) revoke or vary the terms of their registration of any person or premises under this section; or
  - (b) restrict the premises which are so registered.
- (7) As respects beer chargeable with a duty of excise that has not been paid, regulations under section 49 below may, without prejudice to the generality of that section, make provision—
  - (a) regulating the holding or packaging of, or the carrying out of other operations on or in relation to, any such beer on registered premises without payment of the duty;
  - (b) for securing and collecting the duty on any such beer held on registered premises;
  - (c) permitting the removal of any such beer from registered premises without payment of duty in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed;
  - (d) for such persons as may be prescribed to be liable to pay the duty on any such beer held on, or removed without payment of duty from, registered premises, and for the circumstances in which, and the time at which, they are liable to do so.
- (8) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any condition of registration under this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale; and any beer in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (9) In this section—

“prescribed” means specified in, or determined in accordance with, regulations made by the Commissioners under section 49 below;

“registered premises” means premises registered under this section.]

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### Textual Amendments

**F110** S. 41A inserted (1.5.1993) by Finance Act 1991 (c. 31, SIF 40:1), s. 7(2)(5); S.I. 1993/1152, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I.

## 42 Drawback on exportation, removal to warehouse, shipment as stores, etc.

- (1) This section applies to—
  - (a) beer which has been brewed by a brewer for sale; and
  - (b) beer which has been imported, or which has been removed into the United Kingdom from the Isle of Man.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this section and to such conditions as the Commissioners see fit to impose, drawback shall be allowable—
  - (a) on the removal by any person of any beer to which this section applies to an excise warehouse on the premises of a licensed producer of made-wine; or
  - (b) on the exportation or removal to the Isle of Man by any person of any such beer; or
  - (c) on the shipment as stores by any person of any such beer;
 and shall also be allowable, subject as aforesaid, in the case of any beer to which this section applies which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners is being exported, removed or shipped as mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c) above as an ingredient of other goods.
- (3) In the case of beer brewed in the United Kingdom, the person intending to remove, export or ship the beer shall produce to the proper officer a declaration made by the brewer in such form and manner as the Commissioners may direct stating the date upon which the beer was brewed and the original gravity thereof and that the proper duty has been charged thereon.
- (4) In the case of beer brewed outside the United Kingdom, the person intending to remove, export or ship the beer shall produce to the proper officer in such form and manner as the Commissioners may direct a declaration that the proper duty has been charged and paid thereon.
- (5) The amount of the drawback payable under this section in respect of any duty paid shall be calculated according to the rate of drawback applicable during the period of currency of the rate at which the duty was paid to like beer charged with that rate of duty during that period.
- (6) Drawback under this section shall, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that duty has been paid, be allowed at the same rate as the rate at which the duty is charged; . . . <sup>F111</sup>

### Textual Amendments

**F111** Words repealed by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), ss. 1(2)(6), 148, Sch. 14 Pt. I Note 2

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C18** S. 42 modified by S.I. 1983/947, regs. 12, 13

**C19** Ss. 16, 21, 22(1)(3A)(5), 42, 43 modified (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3152, Pt. VI, regs. 11(c), 12

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### 43 Warehousing of beer for exportation, etc.

- (1) Subject to any regulations made by the Commissioners, a brewer for sale or a wholesaler of beer shall be entitled to warehouse in an excise warehouse for exportation [<sup>F112</sup>or removal to the Isle of Man] or for use as stores any beer on which duty has been charged, and to add to the beer in warehouse finings for clarification or any other substance sanctioned by the Commissioners for the purpose of preparing the beer for exportation [<sup>F112</sup>or removal to the Isle of Man] or for use as stores.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, where the duty charged in respect of any beer warehoused under this section has been paid, drawback shall be allowed and paid as if the beer had been exported at the time of the warehousing.
- (3) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 42 above shall apply in relation to beer warehoused on drawback under this section as if the beer were being exported at the date of its warehousing.
- (4) Drawback under this section shall, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that duty has been paid, be allowed at the same rate as the rate at which the duty is charged; . . . <sup>F113</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

**F112** Words inserted by [Isle of Man Act 1979 \(c. 58\), Sch. 1 para. 30](#)

**F113** Words repealed by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\), ss. 1\(2\)\(6\), 148, Sch. 14 Pt. I Note 2](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C20** [S. 43](#) modified by [S.I. 1983/947, regs. 12, 13](#)

**C21** [Ss. 16, 21, 22\(1\)\(3A\)\(5\), 42, 43](#) modified (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3152, Pt. VI, regs. 11\(c\), 12](#)

### 44 Remission or repayment of duty on beer used for purposes of research or experiment.

- (1) Where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any beer brewed in the United Kingdom which is chargeable with duty is to be used only for the purposes of research or of experiments in brewing, the Commissioners may, if they think fit and subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, remit or repay the duty chargeable on that beer.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any condition imposed under subsection (1) above, then, in addition to any other penalty he may have incurred, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F114</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

#### Textual Amendments

**F114** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703, \(N.I.\) arts. 5, 6](#)

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#### 45 Repayment of duty on beer used in the production or manufacture of other beverages, etc.

[<sup>F115</sup>(1) The Commissioners may by regulations provide for duty charged on beer which is used as an ingredient

- [<sup>F116</sup>(a) in the production of any beverage of an alcoholic strength not exceeding 1.2 per cent.;
- (b) in the production in an excise warehouse of any beverage of an alcoholic strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent.; or
- (c) in the manufacture of any such article (other than a beverage) as the Commissioners may determine having regard to its alcoholic content,]

to be repaid subject to such conditions as may be imposed by or under the regulations.]

[<sup>F117</sup>(2) Any duty chargeable on imported beer of a strength not exceeding 1.2 per cent. may be remitted subject to such conditions as the Commissioners may impose.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F115** S. 45 renumbered as s. 45(1) by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Part II para. 2(2)

**F116** S. 45 paras. (a)–(c) substituted for words and paras. (a) and (b) by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 2(1)

**F117** S. 45(2) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Part II para. 2(2)

#### 46 Remission or repayment of duty on spoilt beer.

(1) Where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners in the case of any brewer for sale that—

- (a) any materials upon which a charge of duty has been made, or
- (b) any worts or beer (whether manufactured by him or not),

have been destroyed or become spoilt or otherwise unfit for use by unavoidable accident while on the entered premises of the brewer and, in the case of any such substances which have become spoilt or unfit for use, have been destroyed with the permission and in the presence of the proper officer, the Commissioners shall remit or repay any duty charged or paid in respect thereof.

(2) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any beer which has been removed from the entered premises of a brewer for sale has . . . <sup>F118</sup> become spoilt or otherwise unfit for use and, in the case of beer delivered to another person, has been returned to the brewer as so spoilt or unfit, the Commissioners shall, subject to [<sup>F119</sup>subsection (2A) below and to] compliance with such conditions as they may by regulations impose, remit or repay any duty charged or paid in respect of the beer.

[<sup>F120</sup>(2A) For the purpose of determining the amount of duty to be remitted or repaid under subsection (2) above in respect of any beer, it shall be assumed that, at any material time, the worts of the beer had an original gravity of one degree less than they actually had and that duty on the beer was charged accordingly.]

(3) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (2) above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F121</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

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**Textual Amendments**

- F118** Word repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 4(1), 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. I**
- F119** Words inserted by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), **s. 4(1)**
- F120** **S. 46(2A)** inserted by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), **s. 4(1)**
- F121** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I.) arts. 5, 6

*Brewing of beer*

**47 Licences to brew beer.**

- (1) No person shall brew beer unless he holds an excise licence under this section to brew beer or is exempted from holding one by subsection (5) below.
- (2) An excise licence under this section may—
  - (a) authorise the person to whom it is granted to brew beer for sale; or
  - (b) authorise the person to whom it is granted to brew beer not for sale and only for his own domestic use or for consumption by any persons employed by him in the actual course of their employment;and in this Act—
  - “brewer” means a person holding a licence under this section;
  - “brewer for sale” means a person holding a licence to brew beer for sale;and
  - “limited licence to brew beer” means a licence to brew beer as mentioned on paragraph (b) above.
- (3) ..... **F122**
- (4) ..... **F123**
- (5) A licence to brew beer shall not be required—
  - (a) for the brewing of beer only for the brewer’s own domestic use or for consumption by farm labourers employed by the brewer in the actual course of their labour or employment; or
  - (b) for the brewing of beer (with the authority of the Commissioners and subject to compliance with such conditions as they see fit to impose) solely for the purposes of research or of experiments in brewing;but this subsection shall not exempt any person who is also a wholesaler or retailer of beer.
- (6) The Commissioners may refuse to grant a licence under this section in respect of any premises on which, from the situation of those premises with respect to a distillery, they think it inexpedient to allow the brewing of beer.
- (7) If any person, except as permitted by subsection (5) above, brews beer otherwise than under and in accordance with a licence under this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F124</sup>level 5 on the standard scale] and all worts, beer and vessels, utensils and materials for brewing in his possession shall be liable to forfeiture.

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#### Textual Amendments

**F122** S. 47(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 8(2)(a), 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. IV**

**F123** S. 47(4) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. IV**

**F124** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### [48] <sup>F125</sup> Licence to use premises for adding solutions to beer.

- (1) A brewer for sale shall not use for the purpose of adding priming or colouring solutions to beer any premises other than premises entered by him for the brewing of beer or an excise warehouse unless he holds an excise licence for that purpose under this section.
- (2) ..... <sup>F126</sup>
- (3) ..... <sup>F127</sup>
- (4) If any brewer for sale uses any premises for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1) above contrary to this section or otherwise than in accordance with any licence granted to him in respect thereof under this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F128</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] .

#### Textual Amendments

**F125** Ss. 47, 48 substituted (by s. 47) (1.5.1993) by Finance Act 1991 (c. 31, SIF 40:1), **s. 7(3)(5)**; S.I.1993/1152, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**.

**F126** S. 48(2) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 8(2)(a), 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. IV**

**F127** S. 48(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. IV**

**F128** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### 49 Power to regulate manufacture of beer by brewers for sale.

- (1) The Commissioners may, with a view to the protection of the revenue, make regulations—
  - (a) regulating the manufacture of beer by brewers for sale;
  - (b) for securing the duties on beer brewed by brewers for sale;
  - [<sup>F129</sup>(bb) for determining the duties chargeable and the due dates for payment]
  - (c) regulating with respect to brewers for sale the preparation, use, storage and removal of priming and colouring solutions;
  - (d) for enabling such solutions to be warehoused without payment of the duty chargeable on beer;
  - (e) regulating the addition of such solutions to beer at premises in respect of which a licence has been granted under section 48 above;
  - (f) for applying to such solutions, subject to such modifications and exceptions as may be specified in the regulations, any provision of, or of any instrument made under, any enactment relating to or containing provisions incidental to the duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom.



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- (2) Any person contravening or failing to comply with any regulation made under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F130</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], and any article in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F129** S. 49(1)(bb) inserted by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), s. 6, Sch. 3 para. 3(3)

**F130** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### [<sup>F131</sup>49A Drawback allowable to brewer for sale.

- (1) For the purpose of any claim for drawback by a brewer for sale in respect of duty charged on beer, duty which has been determined in accordance with regulations under section 49(1)(bb) above shall be deemed to be duty which has been paid (whether or not it is in fact paid by the time the claim is made).
- (2) Subject to such conditions as the Commissioners see fit to impose, drawback allowable to a brewer for sale in respect of beer may be set against any amount to which the brewer is chargeable under section 38 above and, in relation to a brewer for sale, any reference in this Act or the Management Act to drawback payable shall be construed accordingly.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F131** S. 49A inserted by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 4(2)

#### 50 Regulations as respects sugar kept by brewers for sale.

- (1) The Commissioners may make regulations as respects—
- the receipt, storage, removal and disposal of sugar by brewers for sale;
  - the books and other documents relating to sugar to be kept by brewers for sale;
  - the powers of officers to inspect and take copies of any such book or other document and to take stock of the sugar in the possession of any brewer for sale.
- (2) If any brewer for sale contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F132</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
- (3) If, on taking stock at any time, the proper officer finds that the quantity of any description of sugar in the possession of any brewer for sale differs from the quantity of that description which ought to be in his possession according to any book or other document kept by him in pursuance of any regulations made under this section, then—
- if the quantity in his possession exceeds the quantity which ought to be in his possession, the excess shall be liable to forfeiture;
  - if the quantity in his possession is less by more than 2 per cent. than the quantity which ought to be in his possession, the deficiency above 2 per



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cent. shall, unless accounted for to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, be deemed to have been used in the brewing of beer without particulars thereof having been recorded in pursuance of regulations made under section 49 above, and duty shall be charged in respect thereof as if that deficiency had been so used.

- (4) In this section “sugar” means sugar of any description and any saccharine substance, extract or syrup.

#### Textual Amendments

**F132** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

## 51 Power to require production of books by brewers for sale.

- (1) Where the Commissioners are satisfied that it is necessary for the purpose of securing the collection of the duty on beer brewed in the United Kingdom, any person specially authorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioners may require any brewer for sale to produce to that person any book or document whatsoever relating to his business as a brewer.
- (2) If any brewer for sale fails to comply with any requirement imposed under subsection (1) above within a period of one hour he shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a penalty of [<sup>F133</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and to a further penalty of £10 for every day or part of a day thereafter during which the failure continues.

#### Textual Amendments

**F133** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

## 52 Offences by brewers for sale.

- (1) If any brewer for sale conceals any worts or beer so as to prevent an officer from taking an account thereof, or after particulars of any worts or beer have been recorded by the brewer in pursuance of regulations made under section 49 above, mixes any sugar with those worts or with that beer so as to increase the quantity or the gravity or original gravity thereof, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F134</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], and the worts or beer in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.
- [<sup>F135</sup>(2) A brewer for sale may, on his entered premises and in accordance with regulations under section 49 above, add to beer brewed on those premises—
- (a) water;
  - (b) finings for the purpose of clarification; and
  - (c) such other substances as may be sanctioned by the Commissioners.

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- (2A) Except as provided by subsection (2) above, a brewer for sale who adds anything to beer on his entered premises shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of level 3 on the standard scale.]
- (3) If any beer to which anything other than any substance falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (2) above has been added is found in the possession of a brewer for sale, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [F134]level 3 on the standard scale] and the beer shall be liable to forfeiture.
- [F136](3A) Nothing in this section shall be taken to preclude the use of beer as an ingredient in the production—
- (a) of made-wine to which section 55A below applies; or
  - (b) of any beverage of an alcoholic strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent. which is of a description specified in an order made under section 1(10) above.]
- (4) In this section “sugar” means sugar of any description and any saccharine substance, extract or syrup, and includes any material capable of being used in brewing except malt or corn.

#### Textual Amendments

**F134** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

**F135** [S. 52](#) subsections (2)(2A) substituted for subsection (2) by [Finance Act 1985 \(c. 54, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 6, **Sch. 3 para. 4(1)**

**F136** [S. 52\(3A\)](#) inserted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 1, **Sch. 1 Part II para. 3**

### 53 Special provisions as to holders of limited licences to brew beer.

- (1) A limited licence to brew beer shall be granted in respect of one set of premises only, being premises occupied by the brewer.

For the purposes of this subsection the land and buildings within one curtilage, or any lands and buildings in Scotland with their parts and pertinents, shall be treated as one set of premises.

- (2) A limited licence to brew beer granted to any person shall not be transferred to any other person except the widow, personal representatives, liquidator or trustee in bankruptcy of the person to whom the licence was granted.
- (3) The Commissioners may make regulations prescribing the documents to be kept by holders of limited licences to brew beer and otherwise for securing any duty payable on, and safeguarding the revenue in connection with the brewing of, beer brewed by the holders of limited licences to brew beer.
- (4) If any holder of a limited licence to brew beer—
- (a) contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this section or any regulation made thereunder; or
  - (b) sells or offers for sale any beer brewed by him,
- he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [F137]level 1 on the standard scale].

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- (5) An officer may at all reasonable times enter and inspect any premises used for the purposes of brewing by the holder of a limited licence to brew beer and examine the vessels and utensils used by him for the purposes of brewing, and take samples of any worts, beer or materials for brewing in the possession of the brewer.

**Textual Amendments**

**F137** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) art. 5

**PART IV**

WINE AND MADE-WINE

**54 Wine: charge of excise duty.**

- (1) There shall be charged on wine—
  - (a) imported into the United Kingdom; or
  - (b) produced in the United Kingdom by a person who is required by subsection (2) below to be licensed to produce wine for sale,
 a duty of excise at the rates shown in Schedule 1 to this Act and the duty shall, in so far as it is chargeable on wine produced in the United Kingdom, be charged and paid in accordance with regulations under section 56 below.
- (2) Subject to subsection (4) below, a person who, on any premises in the United Kingdom, produces wine for sale must hold an excise licence under this subsection in respect of those premises for that purpose.
- (3) ..... <sup>F138</sup>

[<sup>F139</sup>(3A) For the purposes of this Act, the process of blending or otherwise mixing two or more wines (in this subsection referred to as “the constituent wines”) constitutes the production of wine if—

- (a) the rate of duty applicable to one of the constituent wines is different from that applicable to the other or, as the case may be, at least one of the others; and
- (b) the rate of duty applicable to the wine which is the product of the blending or other mixing is higher than that which is applicable to at least one of the constituent wines; and
- (c) the blending or other mixing is with a view to dealing wholesale in the wine which is the product thereof;

and for the purposes of this subsection the rate of duty applicable to any wine is that which is or would be chargeable under subsection (1) above on its importation into the United Kingdom or, as the case may be, on its production as mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection.

(3B) Where, by virtue of subsection (3A) above, wine is produced in the United Kingdom, duty shall be chargeable on that wine by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above whether or not duty was previously charged on all or any of the constituent wines by virtue of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of that subsection; but nothing in

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this subsection shall affect the operation of any regulations under section 56 below giving relief from duty on wine so produced by reference to duty charged on all or any of the constituent wines.]

- (4) A person who, in warehouse, produces wine for sale by rendering it sparkling in accordance with warehousing regulations need not hold an excise licence under subsection (2) above in respect of those premises.
- [<sup>F140</sup>(4A) A person who, on any premises, produces wine to which section 55A below applies by rendering it sparkling, need not on that account hold an excise licence under subsection (2) above in respect of those premises.]
- (5) If any person who is required by subsection (2) above to hold a licence under that subsection in respect of any premises produces wine on those premises without being the holder of a licence under that subsection in respect of those premises he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F141</sup>level 5 on the standard scale] and the wine and all vessels, utensils and materials for producing wine found in his possession shall be liable to forfeiture.

**Textual Amendments**

- F138** S. 54(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, **Sch. 23 Pt. IV**
- F139** S. 54(3A)(3B) inserted (*retrospectively*) by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), s. 5(1)(2)
- F140** S. 54(4A) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 4**
- F141** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C22** S. 54(1)(b) modified by S.I. 1985/403, **reg. 4**

**55 Made-wine: charge of excise duty.**

- (1) There shall be charged on made-wine—
  - (a) imported into the United Kingdom; or
  - (b) produced in the United Kingdom by a person who is required by subsection (2) below to be licensed to produce made-wine for sale,a duty of excise at the rates shown in [<sup>F142</sup>Schedule 1] to this Act and the duty shall, in so far as it is chargeable on made-wine produced in the United Kingdom, be charged and paid in accordance with regulations under section 56 below.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5) below, a person who, on any premises in the United Kingdom, produces made-wine for sale must hold an excise licence under this subsection in respect of those premises for that purpose.
- (3) ..... <sup>F143</sup>
- (4) A person who, in warehouse, produces made-wine for sale by rendering it sparkling in accordance with warehousing regulations need not hold an excise licence under subsection (2) above in respect of those premises.

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- [<sup>F144</sup>(4A) A person who, on any premises, produces made-wine to which section 55A below applies by rendering it sparkling, need not on that account hold an excise licence under subsection (2) above in respect of those premises.]
- (5) A person need not hold an excise licence under subsection (2) above in respect of premises on which he produces made-wine for sale so long as all the following conditions are satisfied in relation to the production of made-wine by him on those premises, that is to say—
- (a) the duty chargeable on each alcoholic ingredient used by him has become payable before he uses it;
  - (b) the ingredients he uses do not include cider or black beer;
  - (c) he does not increase by fermentation the alcoholic strength of any liquor or substance used by him; and
  - (d) he does not [<sup>F145</sup>render sparkling any made-wine other than made-wine to which section 55A below applies][<sup>F146</sup>and
  - (e) he does not blend or otherwise mix—
    - (i) two or more made-wines, or
    - (ii) one or more made-wines and one or more wines
 so as to produce made-wine the rate of duty applicable to which is higher than the rate applicable to at least one of the constituent liquors.]
- [<sup>F147</sup>(5A) For the purposes of subsection (5) above—
- (a) the rate of duty applicable to any made-wine is that which is or would be chargeable under subsection (1) above on its importation into the United Kingdom; and
  - (b) the rate of duty applicable to any wine is that which is or would be chargeable under subsection (1) of section 54 above on its importation into the United Kingdom.]
- (6) If any person who is required by subsection (2) above to hold a licence under that subsection in respect of any premises produces made-wine on those premises without being the holder of a licence under that subsection in respect of those premises he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F148</sup>level 5 on the standard scale] and the made-wine and all vessels, utensils and materials for producing made-wine found in his possession shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

- F142** Words substituted by Finance Act 1984 (c. 43, SIF 40:1), s. 1(4)(6)
- F143** S. 55(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV
- F144** S. 55(4A) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 5(1)
- F145** Words substituted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1, Pt. II para. 5(2)
- F146** S. 55(5)(e) and word immediately preceding it added by Finance Act 1989 (c. 26, SIF 40:1), s. 4(2)(4)
- F147** S. 55(5A) inserted by Finance Act 1989 (c. 26, SIF 40:1), s. 4(3)(4)
- F148** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

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[<sup>F149</sup> **55A Wine and made-wine of a strength not exceeding 5.5 per cent.**

- (1) This section applies to wine and made-wine of a strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent.
- (2) The Commissioners may by regulations provide that, except in such cases and subject to such conditions as may be specified by or under the regulations, no wine or made-wine to which this section applies may be fortified at any time—
  - (a) after it leaves the entered or approved premises on which it was produced, or
  - (b) in the case of wine or made-wine produced outside the United Kingdom, after it is imported into the United Kingdom,and before it is sold by retail or otherwise supplied for consumption.
- (3) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation under this section (including any conditions imposed by or under any such regulation) shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of level 3 on the standard scale, and the wine or made-wine and all vessels, utensils and materials for fortifying wine or made-wine found in his possession shall be liable to forfeiture.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F149** S. 55A inserted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 1, [Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 6](#)

VALID FROM 01/01/1997

[<sup>F150</sup> **55B Cider labelled as made-wine.**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, any liquor which would apart from this section be cider and which—
  - (a) is in an up-labelled container, or
  - (b) has, at any time after 31st December 1996 when it was in the United Kingdom, been in an up-labelled container,shall be deemed to be made-wine, and not cider.
- (2) Accordingly, references in this Act to producing made-wine include references to—
  - (a) putting cider in an up-labelled container; or
  - (b) causing a container in which there is cider to be up-labelled.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, where any liquor is deemed by this section to be made-wine, it shall be deemed—
  - (a) if it is in an up-labelled container, to be made-wine of the strength that the labelling for the container states or tends to suggest; and
  - (b) if it is no longer in an up-labelled container, to be made-wine of the strength stated or suggested by the labelling for the up-labelled container in which it was contained when it was first deemed by this section to be made-wine.
- (4) Subsection (3)(a) above has effect subject to any provision that may be made by regulations under section 2(3) above.



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- (5) Where, by virtue of this section, any duty is charged under section 55 above on any liquor, a rebate shall be allowed in respect of the amount of any duty charged on that liquor under section 62 below.
- (6) For the purposes of this section a container is up-labelled if the labelling for the container states or tends to suggest that the strength of any liquor in that container is or exceeds 8.5 per cent.
- (7) In this section references to the labelling for any container are references to anything on—
  - (a) the container itself,
  - (b) a label or leaflet attached to or used with the container, or
  - (c) any packaging used for or in association with the container.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F150** S. 55B inserted (*retrospective* to 1.1.1997) by 1997 c. 16, s. 5(1)(5)

### 56 Power to regulate making of wine and made-wine and provide for charging duty thereon.

- (1) The Commissioners may with a view to managing the duties on wine and made-wine produced in the United Kingdom for sale make regulations—
  - (a) regulating the production of wine and made-wine for sale, and the issue, . . . <sup>F151</sup> and cancellation of excise licences therefor;
  - (b) for determining the duty and the rates thereof and in that connection prescribing the method of charging the duty;
  - (c) prohibiting or restricting the use of wine in the production of made-wine;
  - (d) for securing and collecting the duty;
  - (e) for relieving wine or made-wine from the duty in such circumstances and to such extent as may be prescribed in the regulations.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F152</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and any article in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F151** Word repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

**F152** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

### 57 Mixing of made-wine and spirits in warehouse.

The Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, permit the mixing in an excise warehouse with made-wine (whether imported into or produced in the United Kingdom [<sup>F153</sup>or removed to the United Kingdom from the Isle



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of Man]) of duty-free spirits in a proportion not exceeding [<sup>F154</sup>12 litres of alcohol to 1 hectolitre of made-wine], so, however, that the mixture shall not by virtue of this section be raised to a greater strength than [<sup>F154</sup>18.3 per cent.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F153** Words inserted by [Isle of Man Act 1979 \(c. 58\), Sch. 1 para. 31](#)

**F154** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 23](#)

### 58 Mixing of wine and spirits in warehouse.

- (1) The Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they see fit to impose, permit the mixing in an excise warehouse with wine (whether imported into or produced in the United Kingdom [<sup>F155</sup>or removed to the United Kingdom from the Isle of Man]) of duty-free spirits in a proportion not exceeding [<sup>F156</sup>6 litres of alcohol to 1 hectolitre of wine], so, however, that the mixture shall not, except as provided by subsection (2) below, be raised to a greater strength than [<sup>F156</sup>23 per cent.]
- (2) If the Commissioners are satisfied that it is necessary for the preservation of the wine, they may permit the fortification of wine by virtue of this section for exportation only to a greater strength than [<sup>F156</sup>23 per cent.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F155** Words inserted by [Isle of Man Act 1979 \(c. 58\), Sch. 1 para. 32](#)

**F156** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 24](#)

### 59 Rendering imported wine or made-wine sparkling in warehouse.

- [<sup>F157</sup>(1) Wine or made-wine which—
- (a) is imported or is removed to the United Kingdom from the Isle of Man; and
  - (b) is not wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent.,
- shall not be rendered sparkling, whether by aeration, fermentation or any other process, except in warehouse in accordance with warehousing regulations.]
- (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) above and any person who is concerned in such a contravention shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F158</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
  - (3) All imported wine and imported made-wine rendered or being rendered sparkling in contravention of subsection (1) above, and all machinery, utensils, bottles and materials (including wine or made-wine) used or intended to be used in any process for rendering any wine or made-wine sparkling in contravention of that subsection shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F157** [S. 59\(1\)](#) substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 7](#)

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**F158** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

## 60 Repayment of duty on imported wine or made-wine used in the production or manufacture of other beverages, etc.

(1) The Commissioners may by regulations provide for duty charged on imported wine or imported made-wine which is used as an ingredient in the production or manufacture of—

- (a) any beverage of an alcoholic strength not exceeding [<sup>F159</sup>1.2 per cent.]; or
- (b) any such article (other than a beverage) as the Commissioners may determine having regard to the alcoholic content thereof,

to be repaid subject to such conditions as may be imposed by or under the regulations.

[<sup>F160</sup>(1A) Any duty chargeable on imported wine or made-wine of a strength not exceeding 1.2 per cent. may be remitted subject to such conditions as the Commissioners may impose.]

(2) The Commissioners may by regulations provide for duty charged on imported wine which is converted into vinegar to be repaid subject to such conditions as may be imposed by or under the regulations.

### Textual Amendments

**F159** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 25

**F160** S. 60(1A) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt II para. 8

## 61 Remission or repayment of duty on spoiled wine or made-wine.

(1) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any wine or made-wine which has been removed from the entered premises of a licensed producer of wine or of made-wine has accidentally become spoiled or otherwise unfit for use and, in the case of wine or made-wine delivered to another person, has been returned to the producer as so spoiled or unfit, the Commissioners shall, subject to compliance with such conditions as they may by regulations impose, remit or repay any duty charged or paid in respect of the wine or made-wine.

(2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (1) above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F161</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

### Textual Amendments

**F161** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

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## PART V

### CIDER

#### 62 Excise duty on cider.

- (1) There shall be charged on cider—
  - (a) imported into the United Kingdom; or
  - (b) made in the United Kingdom by a person who is required by subsection (2) below to be registered as a maker of cider,
 a duty of excise at the rate of [<sup>F162</sup>]<sup>F163</sup>£21.32] per hectolitre].
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, a person who, on any premises in the United Kingdom, makes cider for sale must be registered with the Commissioners in respect of those premises.
- (3) The Treasury may by order made by statutory instrument provide for exempting from subsection (2) above makers of cider whose production does not exceed such limit as is specified in the order and who comply with such other conditions as may be so specified.
- (4) If any person who is required by subsection (2) above to be registered in respect of any premises makes cider on those premises without being registered in respect of them, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F164</sup>level 5 on the standard scale] and the cider and all vessels, utensils and materials for making cider found in his possession shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (5) The Commissioners may with a view to managing the duty on cider made in the United Kingdom make regulations—
  - (a) regulating the making of cider for sale and the registration and cancellation of registration of makers of cider;
  - (b) for determining the duty and the rate thereof and in that connection prescribing the method of charging the duty;
  - (c) for securing and collecting the duty;
  - (d) for relieving cider from the duty in such circumstances and to such extent as may be prescribed in the regulations.
- (6) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (5) above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F164</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and any article in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F162** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241, art. 26](#)

**F163** Words in [s. 62\(1\)](#) substituted (with effect from 6 p.m. on 10.3.1992) by virtue of Finance Act 1992(c. 20), s. 1(4)(5)

**F164** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

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**[<sup>F165</sup>62A Meaning of “sparkling” etc. in section 62.**

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of section 62 above.
- (2) Cider which is for the time being in a closed bottle is sparkling if, due to the presence of carbon dioxide, the pressure in the bottle, measured at a temperature of 20 degrees C, is not less than 3 bars in excess of atmospheric pressure.
- (3) Cider which is for the time being in a closed bottle is sparkling regardless of the pressure in the bottle if the bottle has a mushroom-shaped stopper (whether solid or hollow) held in place by a tie or fastening.
- (4) Cider which is not for the time being in a closed container is sparkling if it has characteristics similar to those of cider which has been removed from a closed bottle and which, before removal, fell within subsection (2) above.
- (5) Cider shall be regarded as having been rendered sparkling if, as a result of aeration, fermentation or any other process, it either—
  - (a) falls within subsection (2) above; or
  - (b) takes on characteristics similar to those of cider which has been removed from a closed bottle and which, before removal, fell within subsection (2) above.
- (6) Cider which has not previously been rendered sparkling by virtue of subsection (5) above shall be regarded as having been rendered sparkling if it is transferred into a closed bottle which has a mushroom-shaped stopper (whether solid or hollow) held in place by a tie or fastening.
- (7) Cider which is in a closed bottle and has not previously been rendered sparkling by virtue of subsection (5) or (6) above shall be regarded as having been rendered sparkling if the stopper of its bottle is exchanged for a stopper of a kind mentioned in subsection (6) above.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F165** S. 62A inserted (*retrospective* to 1.1.1997) by 1997 c. 16, s. 3(3)(5)

VALID FROM 01/01/1997

**[<sup>F166</sup>62B Cider labelled as strong cider.**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, any liquor which would apart from this section be standard cider and which—
  - (a) is in an up-labelled container, or
  - (b) has, at any time after 31st December 1996 when it was in the United Kingdom, been in an up-labelled container,
 shall be deemed to be strong cider, and not standard cider.

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- (2) Accordingly, references in this Act to making cider include references to—
- (a) putting standard cider in an up-labelled container; or
  - (b) causing a container in which there is standard cider to be up-labelled.
- (3) Where, by virtue of this section, any duty is charged under section 62 above on any cider, a rebate shall be allowed in respect of the amount of any duty charged on that cider under that section otherwise than by virtue of this section.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) “standard cider” means cider which is not sparkling and is of a strength not exceeding 7.5 per cent.; and
  - (b) “strong cider” means cider which is not sparkling and is of a strength exceeding 7.5 per cent.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a container is up-labelled if there is anything on—
- (a) the container itself,
  - (b) a label or leaflet attached to or used with the container, or
  - (c) any packaging used for or in association with the container,
- which states or tends to suggest that the strength of any liquor in that container falls within the strong cider strength range.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) above, a strength falls within the strong cider strength range if it exceeds 7.5 per cent. but is less than 8.5 per cent.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F166** S. 62B inserted (*retrospective* to 1.1.1997) by 1997 c. 16, s. 4(1)(2)

### 63 Repayment of duty on imported cider used in the production or manufacture of other beverages, etc.

[<sup>F167</sup>(1) The Commissioners may by regulations provide for duty charged on imported cider which is used as an ingredient in the production or manufacture of—

- (a) any beverage of an alcoholic strength not exceeding [<sup>F168</sup>1.2 per cent.]; or
- (b) any such article (other than a beverage) as the Commissioners may determine having regard to the alcoholic content thereof,

to be repaid subject to such conditions as may be imposed by or under the regulations.]

[<sup>F169</sup>(2) Any duty chargeable on imported cider of a strength not exceeding 1.2 per cent. may be remitted subject to such conditions as the Commissioners may impose.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F167** S. 63(1) renumbered as s. 63(1) by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II, para. 9

**F168** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 27

**F169** S. 63(2) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 9

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**64 Remission or repayment of duty on spoilt cider.**

- (1) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any cider which has been removed from the entered premises of a registered maker of cider has accidentally become spoilt or otherwise unfit for use and, in the case of cider delivered to another person, has been returned to the maker as so spoilt or unfit, the Commissioners shall, subject to compliance with such conditions as they may by regulations impose, remit or repay any duty charged or paid in respect of the cider.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (1) above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F170</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

**Textual Amendments**  
**F170** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

**PART VI**

GENERAL CONTROL PROVISIONS

*Sale of dutiable alcoholic liquors*

**65 Excise licence for dealing wholesale in certain alcoholic liquors.**

- (1) ..... <sup>F171</sup>
- (8) ..... <sup>F172</sup>

**Textual Amendments**  
**F171** S. 65(1)–(7) repealed by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 11(1), 139(6), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, Sch. 19 Pt. III](#) Note 1  
**F172** S. 65(8) repealed by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 11(1), 139(6), [Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, Sch. 19 Pt. III](#)

**66** ..... <sup>F173</sup>

**Textual Amendments**  
**F173** S. 66 repealed by [Finance Act 1981 \(c. 35, SIF 40:1\)](#), ss. 11(1), 139(6), [Sch. 19 Pt. III](#) Note 1

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**[66A F174 Blending of alcoholic liquors.**

- (1) Subject to subsections (4) to (6) below, a person shall not blend two or more alcoholic liquors—
  - (a) each of which is of a kind mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e) of section 1(1) above, but
  - (b) not all of which fall within the same one of those paragraphs, except in an excise warehouse or on premises which, in relation to the liquors blended, are for the time being permitted premises.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) to (6) below, a person shall not blend two or more alcoholic liquors which—
  - (a) fall within the same paragraph of section 1(1) above, but
  - (b) are not all of the same alcoholic strength, except in an excise warehouse or on premises which, in relation to the liquors blended, are for the time being permitted premises.
- (3) In relation to the blending of particular alcoholic liquors—
  - (a) if the liquor which is the product of the blending is beer, permitted premises are premises which are registered under section 41A above and premises in respect of which a person is registered under section 47 above;
  - (b) if the liquor which is the product of the blending is wine, permitted premises are premises in respect of which a licence under section 54(2) above is held;
  - (c) if the liquor which is the product of the blending is made-wine, permitted premises are premises in respect of which a licence under section 55(2) above is held;
  - (d) if the liquor which is the product of the blending is cider, permitted premises are premises in respect of which a person is registered under section 62 above.
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) above do not apply unless the blending is done with a view to offering for sale the liquor which is the product of the blending.
- (5) Subsections (1) and (2) above do not apply where the liquor which is the product of the blending is intended for consumption on the premises on which the blending takes place.
- (6) The Commissioners may direct that subsections (1) and (2) above shall not apply to the blending of alcoholic liquors in such circumstances as are specified in the direction.
- (7) Where a person contravenes subsection (1) or (2) above, the following shall be liable to forfeiture—
  - (a) the liquor which is the product of the blending;
  - (b) all such vessels, utensils and materials for the blending of alcoholic liquors as are found in his possession.
- (8) In this section any reference to blending liquors includes a reference to otherwise mixing them.]



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#### Textual Amendments

**F174** S. 66A inserted (27.7.1993 with application in relation to the blending or other mixing of alcoholic liquors on or after that date) by 1993 c. 34, s. 5(1)(4).

### 67 Power to regulate keeping of dutiable alcoholic liquors by wholesalers and retailers.

- (1) The Commissioners may, with a view to the protection of the revenue, make regulations regulating the keeping of spirits, beer, wine, made-wine or cider respectively by wholesalers and retailers.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F175</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], and any liquor, container or utensil in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F175** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

### 68 .....

<sup>F176</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

**F176** S. 68 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss. 11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20 and Sch. 19 Pt. III

### 69 Miscellaneous provisions as to wholesalers and retailers of spirits.

- (1) [<sup>F177</sup>Save with the permission of the Commissioners and subject to compliance with such conditions as they see fit to impose.] A wholesaler of spirits shall not carry on his business on any premises communicating otherwise than by a public roadway with any premises entered or used by a distiller or rectifier.
- (2) Save with the permission of the Commissioners and subject to compliance with such conditions as they see fit to impose, a retailer of spirits shall not—
  - (a) carry on his business on any premises which are entered or used by a distiller or rectifier or which communicate otherwise than by a public roadway with any such premises; or
  - (b) be concerned or interested in the business of a distiller or rectifier carried on upon any premises within [<sup>F178</sup>3 kilometres] of any premises at which he sells spirits by retail.
- (3) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with subsection (1) or (2) above or any condition imposed under subsection (2) above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F179</sup>level 4 on the standard scale].

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- (4) A retailer of spirits shall not, unless he is also a wholesaler of spirits, sell or send out spirits to a rectifier or to a wholesaler or retailer of spirits, nor shall he buy or receive spirits from another such retailer who is not also such a wholesaler; and if he contravenes or fails to comply with this subsection he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F179</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

#### Textual Amendments

- F177** Words inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), Sch. 8 para. 21  
**F178** Words in s. 69(2) substituted (31.8.1992) by S.I. 1992/1917, art. 2(b)  
**F179** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

70 ..... <sup>F180</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

- F180** S. 70 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss. 11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, Sch. 19 Pt. III Note 1

### 71 Penalty for mis-describing liquor as spirits.

- (1) If any person—
- (a) for the purpose of selling any liquor, describes the liquor (whether in any notice or advertisement or on any label or wrapper, or in any other manner whatsoever) by any name or words such as to indicate that the liquor is, or is a substitute for, or bears any resemblance to, any description of spirits, or that the liquor is wine fortified or mixed with spirits or any description of spirits; or
  - (b) sells, offers for sale, or has in his possession for the purpose of sale, any liquor so described,

that person shall be guilty of an offence under this section unless he proves that the duty chargeable on spirits has been paid in respect of not less than 97½ per cent. of the liquor [<sup>F181</sup>or that the liquor is made with spirits and is a made-wine to which section 55A above applies].

- (2) Notwithstanding anything in this section—
- (a) the name “port” or “sherry” or the name of any other description of genuine wine; or
  - (b) a name which, before 4th May 1932, was used to describe a liquor containing vermouth and spirits, the quantity of vermouth being not less than [<sup>F182</sup>57 per cent. of the quantity of alcohol in the spirits],

shall not, for the purposes of this section, be treated as being in itself such a description as to give such an indication as is mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above.

- (3) Notwithstanding anything in this section, a person who has sold, offered for sale, or had in his possession for the purpose of sale, any liquor described only by any such name as is mentioned in subsection (2)(a) above shall not be guilty of an offence under this section by reason that the liquor has been described by some other person (not

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being the agent or servant of the first mentioned person) by that name in association with some other description such as to give such an indication as is mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above.

- (4) Any person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F183</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and on the conviction of a person under this section the court may direct that any liquor and other article by means of or in relation to which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited, and any liquor or other article so directed to be forfeited shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the court may direct.
- (5) Nothing in this section as it applies to England and Wales or Northern Ireland shall apply to any liquor which is prepared—
- (a) on any premises in respect of which a justices' on-licence is in force; or
  - (b) in any registered club; or
  - (c) on any premises, or on board any aircraft, vessel or vehicle in the case of which, by virtue of section 199(c) or (d) of the <sup>M7</sup>Licensing Act 1964, a justices' licence is not required,
- for immediate consumption on those premises, in that club or on board that aircraft, vessel or vehicle, as the case may be.
- (6) Nothing in this section as it applies to Scotland shall apply to any liquor which is prepared—
- (a) on any premises in respect of which a Scottish licence is in force; or
  - (b) in any registered club; or
  - (c) in any theatre, or on board any aircraft, vessel or vehicle in the case of which, by virtue of section 138(1)(b) or (c) of the <sup>M8</sup>Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976, a Scottish licence is not required,
- for immediate consumption on those premises, in that club, at that theatre or on board that aircraft, vessel or vehicle, as the case may be.

#### Textual Amendments

**F181** Words added by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 1, [Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 10](#)

**F182** Words substituted by [S.I. 1979/241](#), [art. 31](#)

**F183** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### Marginal Citations

**M7** 1964 c. 26.

**M8** 1976 c. 66.

#### [<sup>F184</sup>71A Restrictions on adding substances to beer.

- (1) The Commissioners may by regulations provide that, except in such cases and subject to such conditions as may be specified by or under the regulations, no substance may be added to beer at any time—
- (a) after it leaves the entered premises on which it was brewed, or
  - (b) in the case of beer brewed outside the United Kingdom, after it is imported into the United Kingdom,

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and before it is sold by retail or otherwise supplied for consumption.

- (2) Regulations under this section may regulate the transportation of beer at any such time as is referred to in subsection (1) above; and the conditions referred to in that subsection may include conditions as to—
  - (a) the keeping and production of samples of the product of any process of addition to beer; and
  - (b) the keeping and production of records.
- (3) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with regulations under this section (including any conditions imposed by such regulations) shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of level 3 on the standard scale, and any beer in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F184** S. 71A inserted by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), s. 6, Sch. 3 para. 4(2)

## 72 Offences by wholesaler or retailer of beer.

(1) ..... <sup>F185</sup>

(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, if a wholesaler or retailer of beer receives or has in his custody or possession any sugar of any description or any saccharine substance, extract or syrup, except such as he proves to be for domestic use [<sup>F186</sup>or for use as mentioned in subsection (3A) below], or any preparation for increasing the gravity of beer, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F187</sup>level 2 on the standard scale] and the article in question shall be liable to forfeiture.

[<sup>F188</sup>(3A) The use referred to in subsection (3) above is use as an ingredient in the production—

- (a) of made-wine to which section 55A above applies; or
- (b) of any beverage of an alcoholic strength exceeding 1.2 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent. which is of a description specified in an order made under section 1(10) above.]

(4) Where a wholesaler or retailer of beer carries on upon the same premises the trade of a brewer for sale or of a grocer, subsection (3) above shall not apply to sugar and other preparations duly held by him in accordance with regulations made under section 50 above as a brewer for sale, or to sugar or syrup kept by him for sale in the ordinary course of his trade as a grocer.

#### Textual Amendments

**F185** S. 72(1)(2) repealed by Finance Act 1985 (c. 54, SIF 40:1), ss. 6, 98(6), Sch. 3 para. 4(3), Sch. 27 Pt. I Note 1

**F186** Words inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 11

**F187** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) art. 5

**F188** S. 72(3A) inserted by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39, SIF 40:1), s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 11

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73 ..... F189

**Textual Amendments**  
F189 S. 73 repealed by Finance Act 1989 (c. 26, SIF 40:1), ss. 5, 187(1), Sch. 17 Pt. I

**74 Liquor to be deemed wine or spirits.**

For the purposes of this Act, as against any person selling or offering for sale the liquor in question—

- (a) any liquor sold or offered for sale as wine or under the name by which any wine is usually designated or known shall be deemed to be wine; and
- (b) any fermented liquor which is of a strength exceeding [F19023 per cent.], not being imported wine delivered for home use in that state on which the appropriate duty has been duly paid, shall be deemed to be spirits.

Paragraph (a) above is without prejudice to any liability under section 71 above.

**Textual Amendments**  
F190 Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 32

*Methylated spirits*

**75 Licence or authority to manufacture and deal wholesale in methylated spirits.**

- (1) The Commissioners may authorise any distiller, rectifier or compounder to methylated spirits, and any person so authorised is referred to in this Act as an “authorised methylator”.
- (2) No person other than an authorised methylator shall methylate spirits or deal wholesale in methylated spirits unless he holds an excise licence as a methylator under this section.
- (3) ..... F191
- (4) ..... F192
- (5) Any person who, not being an authorised methylator, methylates spirits otherwise than under and in accordance with a licence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [F193level 3 on the standard scale].
- (6) The Commissioners may at any time revoke or suspend any authorisation or licence granted under this section.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, dealing wholesale means the sale at any one time to any one person of a quantity of methylated spirits of not less than [F19420 litres] or such smaller quantity as the Commissioners may by regulations specify.

**Textual Amendments**  
F191 S. 75(3) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 8(2)(a), 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

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**F192** S. 75(4) repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1) s. 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

**F193** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

**F194** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 33

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C23** S. 75 extended (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 34, s. 8(2).

**F195** 76 .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F195** S. 76 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss. 11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 para. 22, Sch. 19 Pt. III

**77 Power to make regulations relating to methylated spirits.**

- (1) The Commissioners may with a view to the protection of the revenue make regulations—
- (a) regulating the methylation of spirits and the supply, storage, removal, sale, delivery, receipt, use and exportation or shipment as stores of methylated spirits;
  - (b) prescribing the spirits which may be used, and the substances which may be mixed therewith, for methylation;
  - (c) permitting spirits to be methylated in warehouse;
  - (d) permitting [<sup>F196</sup>dealing wholesale (within the meaning of section 75 above) without a licence in] such methylated spirits as may be specified in the regulations;
  - (e) regulating the importation, receipt, removal, storage and use of spirits for methylation;
  - (f) regulating the storage and removal of substances to be used in methylating spirits;
  - (g) prescribing the manner in which account is to be kept of stocks of methylated spirits in the possession of authorised or licensed methylators and of retailers of methylated spirits;
  - (h) for securing any duty chargeable in respect of methylated spirits of any class.
- (2) Different regulations may be made under this section with respect to different classes of methylated spirits or different kinds of methylated spirits of any class [<sup>F197</sup>and, without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, regulations under this section may—
- (a) provide for the imposition under the regulations of conditions and restrictions relating to the matters mentioned in that subsection, and
  - (b) impose or provide for the imposition by regulations of requirements on authorised or licensed methylators and on retailers of methylated spirits to keep and preserve records relating to their businesses as such and to produce them to an officer when required to do so for the purpose of allowing him to inspect them, to copy or take extracts from them or to remove them at a reasonable time and for a reasonable period.]



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- [<sup>F198</sup>(2A) Where any documents removed under the powers conferred by subsection (2)(b) above are lost or damaged the Commissioners shall be liable to compensate their owner for any expenses reasonably incurred by him in replacing or repairing the documents.]
- (3) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation under this section, [<sup>F199</sup>or with any condition, restriction or requirement imposed under such a regulation, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F200</sup>level 4 on the standard scale] together in the case of such a failure with a penalty of £20 for each day on which the failure continues].
- (4) If, save as permitted by any regulation under this section, any person [<sup>F201</sup>deals wholesale (within the meaning of section 75 above) in] methylated spirits otherwise than under and in accordance with a licence under section 75 . . . <sup>F202</sup> above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F203</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
- (5) Any spirits or methylated spirits in respect of which an offence under subsection (3) or (4) above is committed shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (6) Nothing in any regulations made under this section shall prejudice the operation of the <sup>M9</sup>Methylated Spirits (Sale by Retail) (Scotland) Act 1937.

#### Textual Amendments

- F196** Words substituted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 23(a)**
- F197** S. 77(2) and words inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 23(b)** (c)
- F198** S. 77(2A) inserted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 23(b)(c)**
- F199** Words substituted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 11(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 23(d)**
- F200** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) art. 5
- F201** Words substituted by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss. 11(1), 139(6), **Sch. 8 para. 23(d)**, Sch. 19 Pt. III.
- F202** Words repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss. 11(1), 139(6), **Sch. 8 para. 23(d)**, Sch. 19 Pt. III.
- F203** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C24** S. 77 extended (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 34, s. 8(2).
- C25** S. 77(1)(e) extended (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 34, s. 8(2)(b).

#### Marginal Citations

- M9** 1937 c. 48.

## 78 Additional provisions relating to methylated spirits.

- [<sup>F204</sup>(1) If, at any time when an account is taken and a balance struck of the quantity of any kind of methylated spirits in the possession of an authorised or licensed methylator the quantity of alcohol in the methylated spirits in his possession differs from the quantity of alcohol which ought to be in the methylated spirits in his possession according to



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any accounts required by regulations made under section 77 above to be kept thereof, then, subject to subsection (2) below—

- (a) if the former quantity exceeds the latter, such quantity of spirits as contains an amount of alcohol equal to the excess, or such or part thereof as the Commissioners may determine, shall be liable to forfeiture;
  - (b) if the former quantity is less than the latter, the methylator shall on demand by the Commissioners pay on the deficiency, or such part thereof as the Commissioners may specify, the duty payable on spirits.
- (2) Subsection (1) above shall not apply if the excess is not more than 1 per cent. or the deficiency is not more than 2 per cent. of the aggregate of—
- (a) the quantity of alcohol in the balance of spirits struck when an account was last taken; and
  - (b) the quantity of alcohol contained in any spirits which have since been lawfully added to the methylator's stock.]
- (3) If any person authorised by regulations made under section 77 above to supply any kind of methylated spirits knowingly supplies such spirits to any person not authorised by those regulations to receive them, he shall, without prejudice to any penalty he may have incurred, pay thereon the duty payable on spirits.
- (4) If any person other than an authorised or licensed methylator has in his possession any methylated spirits obtained otherwise than from a person authorised by regulations under the said section 77 to supply those spirits, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F205</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and the methylated spirits shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

**F204** S. 78(1)(2) substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 35

**F205** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C26** S. 78 extended (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 34, s. 8(2)(c).

## 79 Inspection of premises, etc.

Without prejudice to any other power conferred by the Customs and Excise Acts 1979, an officer may in the daytime enter and inspect the premises of any person authorised by regulations made under section 77 above to receive methylated spirits, and may inspect and examine any methylated spirits thereon and take samples of any methylated spirits or of any goods containing methylated spirits, paying a reasonable price for each sample.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C27** S. 79 extended (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 34, s. 8(2)(a).

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## 80 Prohibition of use of methylated spirits, etc. as a beverage or medicine.

(1) If any person—

- (a) prepares or attempts to prepare any liquor to which this section applies for use as a beverage or as a mixture with a beverage; or
- (b) sells any such liquor, whether so prepared or not, as a beverage or mixed with a beverage; or
- (c) uses any such liquor or any derivative thereof in the preparation of any article capable of being used wholly or partially as a beverage or internally as a medicine; or
- (d) sells or has in his possession any such article in the preparation of which any such liquor or any derivative thereof has been used; or
- (e) except as permitted by the Commissioners and in accordance with any conditions imposed by them, purifies or attempts to purify any such liquor or, after any such liquor has once been used, recovers or attempts to recover the spirit or alcohol contained therein by distillation or condensation or in any other manner,

he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F206</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and the liquor in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of any liquor to which this section applies or any derivative thereof—

- (a) in the preparation for use as a medicine of sulphuric ether, chloroform, or any other article which the Commissioners may by order specify; or
- (b) in the making for external use only of any article sold or supplied in accordance with regulations made by the Commissioners under section 77 above; or
- (c) in any art or manufacture,

or the sale or possession of any article permitted to be prepared or made by virtue of paragraph (a) or (b) above where the article is sold or possessed for use as mentioned in that paragraph.

(3) The liquors to which this section applies are methylated spirits, methyl alcohol, and any mixture containing methylated spirits or methyl alcohol.

### Textual Amendments

**F206** Words substituted (E.W.) by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46**; (S.) by virtue of [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G**; and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\)](#), **arts. 5, 6**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C28** S. 80 extended (27.7.1993) by [1993 c. 34, s. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#).

### *Still licences*

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**Textual Amendments**

**F207** S. 81 repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), ss. 8(2)(b), 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

**82 Power to make regulations with respect to stills.**

(1) The Commissioners may, with a view to the protection of the revenue, make regulations—

- (a) regulating the keeping and use of stills by persons other than distillers or rectifiers;
- (b) regulating the manufacture of stills;
- (c) prohibiting, except in such cases and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations, the keeping or use by persons other than distillers or rectifiers of stills of greater capacity than [<sup>F208</sup>230 litres];
- (d) regulating the removal of stills or parts thereof.

(2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [<sup>F209</sup>level 3 on the standard scale] and any still or part thereof in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

**Textual Amendments**

**F208** Words substituted by S.I. 1979/241, art. 36

**F209** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289F, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

**83** ..... <sup>F210</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F210** S. 83 repealed by Finance Act 1986 (c. 41, SIF 40:1), s. 114, Sch. 23 Pt. IV

*Relief from, and payment by instalments of, liquor licence duties*

**84** ..... <sup>F211</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F211** S. 84 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III Note 1

**85** ..... <sup>F212</sup>

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F212** S. 85 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III**

**86 Reduced duty on certain part-year licences.**

- (1) This section applies to an excise licence granted under the following provisions of this Act for the following purposes respectively, that is to say—
  - (a) ..... **F213**
  - (b) ..... **F214**
- (2) ..... **F215**
- (3) ..... **F216**

**Textual Amendments**  
**F213** S. 86(1)(a) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III** Note 1  
**F214** S. 86(1)(b)—(d) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III**  
**F215** S. 86(2) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III** Note 1  
**F216** S. 86(3) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III**

**87, 88.** ..... **F217**

**Textual Amendments**  
**F217** Ss. 87, 88 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III**

**PART VII**

MISCELLANEOUS

**89** ..... **F218**

**Textual Amendments**  
**F218** S. 89 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), ss.11(1), 139(6), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 20, **Sch. 19 Pt. III** Note 1

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## General

### 90 Regulations.

- (1) Any power to make regulations conferred by this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

### 91 Directions.

Directions given under any provision of this Act may make different provision for different circumstances and may be varied or revoked by subsequent directions thereunder.

### 92 Consequential amendments, repeals and saving and transitional provisions.

- (1) The enactments specified in Schedule 3 to this Act shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of that Schedule.
- (2) The enactments specified in Parts I and II of Schedule 4 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule and the instrument specified in Part III of that Schedule is hereby revoked to the extent so specified.
- (3) Any provision of this Act relating to anything done or required or authorised to be done under or by reference to that provision or any other provision of this Act shall have effect as if any reference to that provision, or that other provision, as the case may be, included a reference to the corresponding provision of the enactments repealed by this Act.
- (4) Where an offence has been committed under section 129 of the <sup>M10</sup>Customs and Excise Act 1952 proceedings may be taken under section 51 of this Act in respect of the continuance of the offence under section 129 after the commencement of this Act in the same manner as if the offence had been committed under section 51 of this Act.
- (5) Where an offence has been committed under section 102 of the <sup>M11</sup>Customs and Excise Act 1952 before the commencement of this Act subsection (4) of section 21 of this Act shall apply on a conviction of an offence under that section as it would apply had the earlier offence been committed under section 21.
- (6) The repeal by this Act of sections 103 and 112 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952 shall not affect the <sup>M12</sup>right to drawback under section 103 in respect of medicinal spirits in respect of which a repayment of duty had been made before 8th August 1972 or the right to a repayment of duty under section 112 in respect of spirits used for medical purposes before that date (being the date on which the amendments made in those provisions by section 57 of the Finance Act 1972 came into operation).
- (7) ..... <sup>F219</sup>
- (8) Nothing in this section shall be taken as prejudicing the operation of sections 15 to 17 of the <sup>M13</sup>Interpretation Act 1978 (which relate to the effect of repeals).

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#### Textual Amendments

**F219** S. 92(7) repealed by [Finance Act 1983 \(c. 28, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 9(2)(3), [Sch. 10 Pt. I](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C29** The text of s. 92(1)(2) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

#### Marginal Citations

**M10** 1952 c. 44.

**M11** 1952 c. 44.

**M12** 1972 c. 41.

**M13** 1978 c. 30.

### 93 Citation and commencement.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 and is included in the Acts which may be cited as the Customs and Excise Acts 1979.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on 1st April 1979.

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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F220</sup>SCHEDULE 1

Section 54.

#### <sup>F221</sup>TABLE OF RATES OF DUTY ON WINE AND MADE-WINE

##### Textual Amendments

**F220** Sch. 1 substituted by Finance Act 1984 (c.43, SIF 40:1), s.1(3)(6), Sch. 1

**F221** Table in Schedule 1 substituted (with effect from 6 p.m. on 10.3.1992) by virtue of Finance Act 1992 (c. 20), s. 1(3)(5), Sch.

<i>Description of wine or made-wine</i>	<i>Rates of duty per hectolitre</i>
	£
Wine or made-wine of a strength not exceeding 2 per cent.	12.60
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 2 per cent. but not exceeding 3 per cent.	20.99
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 3 per cent. but not exceeding 4 per cent.	29.39
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 4 per cent. but not exceeding 5 per cent.	37.80
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 5 per cent. but not exceeding 5.5 per cent.	46.19
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent. but not exceeding 15 per cent. and not being sparkling	125.96
Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent. but not exceeding 15 per cent.	208.00
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent. but not exceeding 18 per cent.	217.25
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 18 per cent. but not exceeding 22 per cent.	250.59
Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 22 per cent.	250.59plus £19.81 for every 1 per cent. or part of 1 per cent. in excess of 22 per cent.]



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### *Interpretation*

- 1
- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, for the purposes of this Act, wine or made-wine which is for the time being in a closed container is sparkling if, due to the presence of carbon dioxide or any other gas, the pressure in the container, measured at a temperature of 20\_C, is not less than [<sup>F222</sup>1.5 bars in excess of atmospheric pressure].
  - (2) For the purposes of this Act, wine or made-wine which is not for the time being in a closed container is sparkling if it has characteristics similar to those of wine or made-wine which has been removed from a closed container and which, before removal, fell within sub-paragraph (1) above.
  - (3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-paragraph (1) above, wine or made-wine which is for the time being in a closed container shall not be regarded as sparkling for the purposes of the rates of duty set out above, if—
    - (a) the container does not have a mushroom-shaped stopper (whether solid or hollow) held in place by a tie or fastening; and
    - (b) the pressure in the container, measured at a temperature of 20\_C, is less than 3 bars in excess of atmospheric pressure.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F222** Words substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\), s. 7](#)

- 2
- For the purposes of this Act, wine or made-wine shall be regarded as having been rendered sparkling if—
- (a) as a result of aeration, fermentation or any other process, it either falls within paragraph 1(1) above or takes on such characteristics as are referred to in paragraph 1(2) above; or
  - (b) being sparkling wine or made-wine which, by virtue only of paragraph 1(3) above, was not chargeable to duty as sparkling wine or made-wine, it is transferred into a closed container which has a mushroom-shaped stopper (whether solid or hollow) held in place by a tie or fastening.

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- [<sup>F223</sup>3 (1) Wine or made-wine shall be regarded as having been rendered sparkling if, as a result of aeration, fermentation or any other process, it either falls within paragraph 2(1) above or takes on such characteristics as are referred to in paragraph 2(3) above.
- (2) Wine or made-wine which has not previously been rendered sparkling by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) above shall be regarded as having been rendered sparkling if it is transferred into a closed container which has a mushroom-shaped stopper (whether solid or hollow) held in place by a tie or fastening.
- (3) Wine or made-wine which is in a closed container and has not previously been rendered sparkling by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) or (2) above shall be regarded

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as having been rendered sparkling if the stopper of its container is exchanged for a stopper of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) above.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F223** Sch. 1 paras. 1-3 substituted (27.7.1993 with application in relation to wine and made-wine which is produced in or imported into the United Kingdom, or removed into the United Kingdom from the Isle of Man, on or after that date) for paras. 1, 2 by 1993 c. 34, s. 7(1)(2).

SCHEDULE 2

. . . F224

**Textual Amendments**

**F224** Sch. 2 repealed by Finance Act 1984 (c. 43, SIF 40:1), s. 128(6), Sch. 23 Pt. I

SCHEDULE 3

Section 92(1).

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

1, 2. . . . . F225

**Textual Amendments**

**F225** Sch. 3 paras. 1, 2 repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III Note I

3, 4. . . . . F226

**Textual Amendments**

**F226** Sch. 3 paras. 3, 4 repealed by Weights and Measures Act 1985 (c. 72, SIF 131), s. 98(1), Sch. 13 Pt. II

*M14* Licensing Act 1964

**Marginal Citations**

**M14** 1964 c. 26.

5 (1) The Licensing Act 1964 shall be amended as provided in this paragraph.

(2) . . . . . F227

(3) In section 201(1)—

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- [<sup>F228</sup>(a) in the definition of “sale by retail”, for the words following “section” there shall be substituted the words “4(4) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979”; and]
- (b) in the appropriate place in alphabetical order there shall be inserted the following definition (in place of the definition repealed by this Act)—“wine” means wine or made-wine as defined in section 1 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979.

- (4) In Part II of Schedule 9, in paragraph 4, for the words “section 307 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952)” there shall be substituted the words “section 1 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979)”.

#### Textual Amendments

**F227** Sch. 3 para. 5(2) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III Note 1

**F228** Sch. 3 para. (3)(a) repealed (E.W.) by Licensing (Retail Sales) Act 1988 (c. 25, SIF 68A:1), s. 3(b)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C30** The text of Sch. 3 paras. 5 and 9 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

6, 7. . . . . <sup>F229</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

**F229** Sch. 3 paras. 6, 7 repealed by S.I. 1981/231, Sch. 11

### <sup>M15</sup>*Licensing Act (Northern Ireland) 1971*

#### Marginal Citations

**M15** 1971 c. 13(N.I.).

8 (1) . . . . . <sup>F230</sup>

(2) . . . . . <sup>F231</sup>

(4) . . . . . <sup>F232</sup>

(5) . . . . . <sup>F233</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

**F230** Sch. 3 para. 8(1) repealed by S.I. 1990/594, (N.I. 6), art. 90(4), Sch. 13

**F231** Sch. 3 para. 8(2)(3) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III Note 1

**F232** Sch. 3 para. 8(4) repealed by S.I. 1990/594, (N.I. 6), art. 90(4), Sch. 13

**F233** Sch. 3 para. 8(5) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III Note 1

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*M16* Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976

**Marginal Citations**

**M16** 1976 c. 66

9 In section 139(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 the following amendments shall be made, that is to say—

(a) in the definitions of “made-wine” and “wine”, for the words “Customs and Excise Act 1952” there shall be substituted the words “ section 1 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 ”;

(b) ..... **F234**

**Textual Amendments**

**F234** Sch. 3 para. 9(b) repealed by Finance Act 1981 (c. 35, SIF 40:1), s. 139(6), Sch. 19 Pt. III Note 1

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

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SCHEDULE 4

Section 92(2).

REPEALS

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

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PART I  
 ENACTMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
53 & 54 Vict. c. 8. 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 44.	The Customs and Inland Revenue Act 1890. The Customs and Excise Act 1952.	Section 31(2). Part IV. Sections 226 to 228. Section 237. Sections 241 to 243. Section 263(3) to (5). In section 307(1), the definitions of “ authorised methylator ”, “ beer ”, “ beer-primer ”, “ brewer ” and “ brewer for sale ”, “ British compounded spirits ”, “ British spirits ”, “ case ”, “ eider ”, “ compounder ”, “ dealer ”, “ distiller ” and “ distillery ”, “ distiller’s warehouse ”, “ gravity ” and “ original gravity ”, “ intoxicating liquor ”, “ justices’ licence ” and “ justices’ on-licence ”, “ licensed methylator ”, “ limited licence to brew beer ”, “ made-wine ”, “ methylated spirits ”, “ producer of wine ”, “ producer of made-wine ”, “ proof ”, “ rectifier ”, “ registered club ”, “ retail ”, “ retailer ”, “ spirits ”, “ spirits of wine ”, “ wholesale ” and “ wine ”. In section 315, paragraphs (c) and (d). In Schedule 10, paragraph 15. Section 2.
1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 34.	The Finance Act 1953.	

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Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 56.	The Finance Act 1958.	Section 6.
7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 58.	The Finance Act 1959.	Section 2(1) and (5). Section 3(2), (3), (4) and (5). Section 3.
8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 44.	The Finance Act 1960.	Schedule 1. Section 6. Schedule 2.
1963 c. 25.	The Finance Act 1963.	Section 59.
1963 c. 31.	The Weights and Measures Act 1963.	In Schedule 10, paragraph 1(d).
1964 c. 49.	The Finance Act 1964.	Section 1(5). Section 2(5) and (6).
1966 c. 18.	The Finance Act 1966.	In Schedule 2, in paragraph 1, the words from "section 107(1)" to "spirits)" and paragraph 2.
1967 c. 54.	The Finance Act 1967.	Section 1(5). Section 4 except, in subsection (5), paragraphs (a)(i) and (v). Section 6. In Schedule 5, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. In Schedule 6, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. In Schedule 9, paragraphs 1 to 6.
1968 c. 44.	The Finance Act 1968.	Section 1(3).
1968 c. 54.	The Theatres Act 1968.	In Schedule 2, the amendment in section 162 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952.
1969 c. 32.	The Finance Act 1969.	Section 1(5)(b).
1970 c. 24.	The Finance Act 1970.	In Schedule 7, paragraph 2. Section 6(1) and (2)(a). Section 7, except subsections (5) and (8).
1972 c. 41.	The Finance Act 1972.	Section 57(3) and (4).
1974 c. 30.	The Finance Act 1974.	Section 4.
1975 c. 45.	The Finance (No. 2) Act 1975.	Sections 9 and 10. Sections 14 and 15. In Schedule 3, paragraphs 3 to 7, 9, 15, 24 to 37, 42, in paragraph 44, subparagraphs (a), (b) and (d) and paragraphs 45 to 47. Schedules 4 and 5. In Schedule 6, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.
1976 c. 40.	The Finance Act 1976.	Sections 2 and 3. In Schedule 3, paragraphs 1, 5, 7 and 9.
1976 c. 66.	The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976.	In Schedule 7, paragraphs 3 and 4.
1977 c. 36.	The Finance Act 1977.	Section 1(1) to (5), (8) and (9). Schedules 1 and 2.
1978 c. 42.	The Finance Act 1978.	Section 2. In Schedule 12, paragraphs 1 to 5.

## PART II

## ENACTMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1959 c. 9 (N.I.).	The Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959.	Section 12(1) and (5). Section 13(3) to (5). Section 18(5).
1963 c. 22 (N.I.).	The Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963.	Section 19. Section 22(6). Schedule 2.
1967 c. 20 (N.I.).	The Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.	Section 15(1)(b) and (6). Section 17. Section 21(6). In Schedule 2, the amendment in the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959.

## PART III

## NORTHERN IRELAND INSTRUMENT

Year and Number	Title	Extent of revocation
1976/1214 (N.I. 23).	The Poisons (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.	In Schedule 2, paragraph 1.

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