

EAST AFR. PROT

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6/5/14for
Belfield 1655

1914

7 May.

Last previous Paper.

Brussels Act
distillation of alcohol.

Report applies for permission to distill alcohol from vegetable products for purpose of motor fuel. Submits view, & enquires whether 30 are still of opinion that local population is prohibited under Art. 90, & if so whether Act can be modified to allow distillation of alcohol for purposes of European population.

Copy to Foreigner
Dr. G. Fielder.

Copy of the general act 1069-90 & of the amending insertion 3 Nov 08 herewith - also copy of the desp: referred to in para 2 of Dr. G. Belfield's desp.

Copy to the F.O. for whom & suggest that they shall ascertain how this question has been dealt with in the Fr. & German Codes

within the Belgian Traffic Zone?
Within the Belgian Traffic Zone? such blend methyleated spirits & perfumes (as per 1) are blend right as they are mixture D. J. R.
in fit for use as a perfume
see cl. 3 of Belgian ord. 1909
18th - in 19900/109)

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The sale of methyleated spirits &
perfumes seem to be allowed
(ss. 2 (2) & (3) & 3. of the 1909 order

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but the distribution even of these
seems forbidden by § 5 (1)
assume that § 6 has no
application). But an inter-
pretation of the Brussels
act is clearly needed before
we can move further.

? as proposed.

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(I have seen somewhere the perfumes
are applied internally, ^{by} ~~externally~~, ⁱⁿ capsules.)

Anschrift
Dr. 17.6.14

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 455.

May 7th, 1914.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the Liquor Ordinance enacted on 12th November 1909 containing provisions under which the Commissioner could issue licences for the manufacture of distilled liquor.

In 1907 in his despatch numbered 241 and dated 28th May a draft ordinance was sent out by the Foreign Office regarding such provisions, the despatch stating that under the Brussels Act article 61 the signatory powers had no option but to enforce strictly the total prohibition of local distillation whether by Europeans or natives.

3. The East Africa Liquor Ordinance 1909 was therefore enacted.

4. An application has now been received asking for permission to distil alcohol from vegetable

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

MR. WACOULT, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNTON STREET, LONDON, S.W.

vegetable products for the purpose of motor fuel.

5. It has been suggested by my Attorney General that the words "equally prohibited" in Article 291 of the Brussels Act can be taken as meaning that the manufacture of distilled liquor should be prohibited to the same extent as the importation of distilled liquor is prohibited under the terms of the Article, namely prohibited subject to a proviso in favour of spirits distilled with government sanction and intended solely for the consumption of the non-native population.

6. In view of the growing importance of the subject of motor fuel to this Protectorate I shall be glad if the present views of the Foreign Office could be obtained on the proper construction of Article 290 of the Brussels Act and, in the event of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs being of the same opinion as his predecessor in 1901, I would suggest the possibility of obtaining some modification of the Brussels Act to allow the distillation of alcohol for the purposes of the European population.

7. If it be thought undesirable to demand

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the power to distil for all such purposes
then the request might be limited to the manu-
facture of methylated spirit and perfumes with
suitable safeguards against traffic in such
spirit with natives.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. G. Way, B.Sc., F.R.S.

GOVERNOR.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

FOREIGN OFFICE,

May 28th, 1903.

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Sir,

My attention has been called to the provisions of Article 91 of the Brussels Act, and I am advised that as regards territories which have been declared to be within the zone of prohibition of spirituous liquor, the signatory powers have no option but to enforce strictly the total prohibition of local distillation whether by Europeans or by natives. For the purpose of giving effect to this view the accompanying draft ordinance has been prepared by which sections 9 - 12 of the East Africa Liquor Ordinance 1902 are repealed.

As under the provisions of those sections licences may already have been granted, the draft ordinance provides for the continuance of such licences until their expiration in the course of the year.

You should arrange for the early enactment of the ordinance in the terms approved and in the usual manner, and you should give immediate directions to the effect that no fresh licences to distil are to be issued.

A similar instruction has been addressed to Colonel H. Sadler, and Mr. Cave has been directed to request the Zanzibar government to amend their liquor regulations in the same sense.

I have, etc.,

(Sd) LANSDOWNE.

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C. ELIOT, K.C.M.G., C.B.

&c. &c. &c.

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20 June 1914

Sir,

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I am now to transmit
to you, for the consideration of
Scandinavia, the
accompanying copy of a
despatch from the Govt. of the
Earl suggesting the
modification of the
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of the distillation of
alcohol in the P.W.D. for
the purpose of the
European population.

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J.D.

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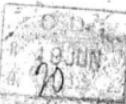
Mr. Harper 18/6/14
Mr. Mottramley 18/6/14
Sir G. Fiddes.
Sir H. Just.
Sir J. Anderson.
Lord Emmott.
Mr. Harcourt.

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✓ Sx 20 June 1914

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suggest that, if he sees
no objection, enquires
might be made as to
how the question has
been dealt with in
the French & German
Colonies within the
Leyton Traffic Zone.

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(Signed) H. J. READ
for the Committee on Safety of State