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Importation of Enemy Beers

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Sends letter from H. of Customs enclosing cover re: alleged introduction of enemy beers into Port. via Italy. Inquiry is being made re: Messrs. L. Frigieris & Messrs. L. de Souza mentioned in the cover.

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To: Gains

We have had other indications of the B. E. A. Corporation's zeal in this matter of trade. They are, of course, not disinterested.

We can leave the Frigieris matter to F. T. D. but de Souza are obviously Portuguese - as stated - no foreign country appears to be involved in the traffic. However, the beer may come from Holland or ask B. E. T. to make inquiry about "Empire" & "Hercules" beer?

D. B. Bottanley.

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In due course you will tell Sir. E. A. R. Ltd. direct cons. int

F.T. Staff (which is used a  
branch of F.T.) is not permitted.

It would be as well to explain (F.T. Staff)  
as to de Souza's involvement  
in the case.

Otherwise I would not take  
any action. ~~Respectfully~~  
~~Yours~~ D. Hejira's off was  
found enough.

(A) 10/16

Under F.T.  
I have drafted on both points. This  
is the second instance of his ~~Hejira's~~  
writing direct.

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Any further communication  
on the subject, please quote  
No. 31338/50.

and address  
The Controller,  
Foreign Trade Department,  
Telephone: GERRARD 8640.



FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT,  
LANCASTER HOUSE,  
ST. JAMES,

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Sir,

*Council*

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey  
to transmit to you herewith to be laid before  
Mr. Secretary Bonar Law a letter addressed to this  
Department by H.M. Customs, Mombasa, British East  
Africa together with the enclosures therein referred  
to and to suggest that enquiry is being made of His  
Majesty's General Consul respecting Messrs L. Frigerio  
& Co. and M.R. De Souza & Co. mentioned in the  
correspondence.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

CONTROLLER.

The Under Secretary of State,  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

In reply please quote

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and date.

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H. M. CUSTOMS,

MONROSA,

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March 8th 1916.

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Confidential.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for your consideration a copy of a letter handed to me by the local representative of the British East Africa Corporation in which the writer alleges that certain enemy beers are being introduced into this country.

I have informed the Corporation that it is a matter which they should, if they think fit, raise at home as it is clearly impossible for the Customs authorities here to say what Breweries exist in the United Kingdom.

It seems most desirable that Enemy beers should not be imported into this country but I would point out that the instructions issued in July last provide that no Certificate of Origin shall be required for Ale and Beer.

I have ascertained that the beer "Cervesia" is being imported from Genoa by Messrs. L. Frigerio and Co., an Italian Firm- the beer being shipped by Hy. Biggio through whom the firm does most of its business.

The Controller

of the Foreign Trade Department

Lancaster House

The Mall

London, S.W.

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A Goanese firm named E.R. DE SOUSA and Co. are importing "Empire Brand" beer from the United Kingdom, the shippers being W. Bolus and Co., Salisbury House, London Wall and the Suppliers J.P. Giffen and Co. Ltd. 10 and 12, Pall Mall Liverpool.

I have not yet been able to trace the imports of Hercules beer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*John J. Fox*  
Chief of Customs.

South Africa Breweries Ltd.

8, 9 and 10 Great St. Martin's

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London, 24th January 1916.

Major Leggett,

The British East Africa Corporation Ltd.

96 Gresham House, E.C.

Dear Major Leggett,

It is a great pity that some effective measures cannot be taken to stop the Trading with the Enemy which must be in progress in British East Africa. Every week we receive advices to the effect that unknown brands of lager beer are being introduced by the various firms, for instance this week our representative in Mombasa writes:-

" An Italian Beer has just come into the market called " " Cervesia" Italian Pilsener, brewed at Genoa and bottled in Champagne Bottles, it is imported by " L. Frigerio and Co. who are advertising that regular " shipments will be forthcoming in future. "

De Souza and Co are importing " Empire Brand" brewed and bottled in England at the Royal Lager Brewery " Also "Percu-lee" Beer brewed in Great Britain.

We have also recieved labels of other brands and our correspondents write that there is a strong suspicion that the beer has been brewed in Germany. If any of those beers are brewed in England why is not the name of the Brewery mentioned.

There is nos such Brewery as the " Royal Lager Beer Brewery

I bring the foregoing to your notice hoping that you might be able to bring about such regulations as to impose upon the importers the onus of proving that the beers are not of enemy origin, and if such proof is not forthcoming that the goods should be seized or destroyed.

Yours truly

Sd. C.A.Chidall

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The Controller  
Foreign Trade Dept

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Sir

I am directed by the Secy  
Board how to act the receipt  
of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of April  
no. 2008/50, on the subject  
of certain brands of beer  
imported into the E. A. P. by  
Messrs J. Freyre & Co and  
Messrs M. de Souza & Co.  
I am to request you to  
inform the Secy Sir E. Grey  
that in his Board's laws  
there can be no  
doubt that the latter firm  
is Goanese and has no  
connexion with Genoa. The  
name of de Souza is a  
common one in Portuguese  
India.

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(Signed) H. I. READ