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Letter despatch from Paris stating view of French  
Gov on question whether distillation of alcohol  
from vegetable products for purposes of motor  
fuel is permissible under Arts 90 & 91 of the Treaty

Mr. Telford  
Mr. Strachey  
Sir G. Fiddes.

It hardly seems necessary to wait  
until we can get a reply from  
Germany, & we may conclude that  
it is possible for us to permit  
distillation provided the spirit is  
rendered unsuitable for drinking and  
safeguards are included in (a) making  
the spirit again potable and (b) allowing  
natives to get hold of them.

Act. Gov/20640/14 E.A.P. - and  
copy of corresp. with F.O., & approval of  
the 1903 Order being repealed by an  
Order which will make the necessary  
provision for controlling distillation.

W.S. 19.4.15 F.O.

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The 1903 order was repealed  
by the 2<sup>nd</sup> year order of 1909 -  
the latter shall be amended

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Have see my minute on 24023/11 - I suggest that  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> year shall take of the N. Arizona law  
see section that is not in digest as it is not for the

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and be in force 1<sup>st</sup> of 1915

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In any further communication  
on this subject, please quote

No. 42766 1915

The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary  
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned  
paper.

Foreign Office.

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1915

Reference to previous correspondence.

Letter to Foreign Office 21023/1914 of July 14/1914

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject.

H. H. Ambassador, Paris  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1914

Distillation of Alcohol in  
East Africa.

Similar letter sent to

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16 APR 15

Paris,  
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12 APR 1915

Sir:\*

I have the honour, with reference to your despatch N° 402 of July 16th last (5186/14), to transmit to you herewith copy of a Note from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs giving His Excellency's views on the question whether the distillation of alcohol from vegetable products for the purpose of motor fuel is permissible in the African regions covered by the prohibition of the manufacture of distilled liquor under Articles XC and XCI of the Brussels Act of 1890.

I have the honour to be, with great truth and respect,

Sir,

your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) Francis Bertie.

The Right Honourable

Sir Edward Grey, Bt., K.C., M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.

Monsieur le Sir F. Bertie:

Paris, 6th April 1911.

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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Je réfère à la communication de Votre Excellence en date du 16 juillet dernier, relative au régime des spiritueux en Afrique, j'ai l'honneur de lui faire savoir que je partage l'opinion de Sir Edward Grey sur la portée des articles 19 et 21 de la Convention de Bruxelles du 2 juillet 1900. Ces articles, qui prohibent la fabrication des boissons distillées dans certains régions de l'Afrique, ne me paraissent pas s'appliquer à la fabrication, dans les autres régions, des alcools non potables. C'est d'ailleurs dans ce sens, à ma connaissance, que la question a été envisagée par les Conférences qui ont siégé à Bruxelles en 1899, 1906 et 1912.

J'ajoute, pour répondre à la question que Votre Excellence a bien voulu me poser à ce sujet, qu'aucune fabrique d'alcool non potable n'a été créée jusqu'ici dans les territoires dépendant du Gouvernement Général de l'Afrique occidentale française. En ce qui concerne les possessions de l'Afrique orientale française, les renseignements que j'ai demandés ne me sont pas encore parvenus. Dès que je les aurai recus, je m'empresserai de les communiquer à Votre Excellence. En tous cas, des instructions ont été données pour soumettre une

une surveillance permanente les distilleries pour la fabrication des spiritueux impropres à la consommation qui viendraient à s'établir sur le territoire français des zones définies aux articles 60 et 91 de la Convention de Bruxelles. En outre l'obligation serait imposée aux fabricants d'ajouter aux alcools un dénaturant suffisamment actif pour empêcher leur revivification et par suite, leur emploi ultérieur comme boisson./.

agréés, etc.,

(Signed) DeLassé.

4 May  
April 1915.

Sir,

I am able to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 42966 of the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, with its enclosure, on the question of permitting the distillation of alcohol for the purpose of the production of motor fuel in the parts of Africa to which Article 90 and 91 of the Brussels Convention of 1890 refer.

The I.C.A. has not considered it desirable to act until an opportunity arises of obtaining the

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- Mr. Dumas 26.4.15
- Mr. Bostwick 28.4.15
- Mr. Read 29
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- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Selkirk, Inlington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

J. Cowie

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views of the General Govt on  
 the subject, and he has  
 authorized the Govt of the  
 P.A.P. to amend the  
 Bill in Regulating the  
 Sale of Wines, Spirits and  
 Small Liquors, so as to  
 permit the ~~provision~~  
 of alcohol for the purpose  
 of the European population  
 of the Dist., ~~subject to~~  
 provided that the spirit is  
 rendered undrinkable and  
 that safeguards are  
 furnished against rendering  
 the spirit again potable  
 and against allowing  
 natives to obtain possession  
 of such liquor.

(Signed) H. J. READ.  
 for the Under Secretary of State

C.D.  
 22 APR  
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F.O. 19560/ P.A.P.

*[Handwritten signature]*

May  
 4 April 1915

Sir,  
 I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated  
 (20th/14) No. 455 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 1914,  
 and to thank you for  
 your error the account  
 of your conversation with the P.O.  
 in the subject question of  
 permitting the debilitation of  
 alcohol in the P.A.P. for  
 the purposes of the European  
 population.

2. You will observe that,  
 in the opinion of the French  
 Govt, Articles 90 and 91  
 of the Brussels Convention  
 of 1890 do not apply to  
 the manufacture of non-  
 potable

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P.A.P. No. 305

Govt. Secy & C. Helpford  
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- Mr. Strachey 29
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Judd
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Lord Simonds, Edington
- Mr. Harcourt

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palatable forms of alcohol  
in the parts of Africa to  
which the articles refer

I There is therefore no  
objection to your suggestion  
to permit distillation, provided  
that the spirit is rendered  
imaculate for drinking  
and safeguards are <sup>inserted</sup> made  
against rendering the spirit  
open for sale and against  
allowing natives to obtain  
possession of such liquors.

The necessary legislation  
should be effected by an  
amendment to section 3  
of the Ordinance for Regulating  
the Sale of Spirits  
and Small Liquors,  
N. No. of 1909, which  
repealed the Distilled Liquors  
Ord. N. No. of 1903, referred  
to

(see on page 1 of  
the publication of the spirit)

to in para. 3 of your despatch  
I enclose <sup>for your information</sup> a copy of  
a Proclamation, N. No. of 1910,  
of the Govt. of N. Nigeria, a  
section 3 of which provides  
for the distillation, with the  
sanction of the Govt., of  
spirits for purely commercial  
and industrial purposes.  
This might serve as a model  
for the amendment of the  
E. A. P. Code. Though you  
will ~~prefer~~ <sup>(in addition)</sup> require to  
~~make provision for the~~  
provide safeguards <sup>against traffic</sup>  
in spirit with ~~reference~~ <sup>reference</sup> as  
suggested in the last para. of your

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the publication of the spirit)

despatch. It would be desirable to  
substitute the words "alcohol for  
purely commercial, and industrial,  
medical, or scientific purposes"  
for those used in the last para.  
of your Proclamation.

Signed L. HARCOURT.