

## Regulation of beer and brewing in South Australia

In his foreword to HM Ward's *Some Brief Records of Brewing in South Australia* (Pioneers Association of South Australia, Series 1950/51, no. 5, 1950) George Morphett wrote that the author's research was '...hampered by the fact that brewers were not required to take out a licence to brew until the Commonwealth Act [No. 7 of 1901, *The Beer Excise Act*] came into force on 1st January 1902. It is therefore impossible to obtain full particulars of the many early breweries that existed in this state...'

Despite Morphett's assertion some original colonial records are extant. Those held by the National Archives Adelaide Office are described in the table overleaf. Relevant colonial period records are also held by State Records of South Australia. The publication JL Hoad, *Hotels and Publicans in South Australia, 1836–1984* (Australian Hotels Association, SA Branch, Gould Books, Adelaide, 1986) is also a useful source.

### Excise control of the beer industry since 1901

From 1901 the regulation and control of the beer industry in South Australia became the responsibility of the Commonwealth through the Collector of Customs for South Australia. During the years of World War II, further regulation of beer prices was administered by the State Prices Commissioner for South Australia.

A significant collection of records about the regulation of the industry in South Australia has been identified among the records of these agencies held by the National Archives in Adelaide. A selection of the types of records held is listed in the table below.

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Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Register of letters despatched and received (distilleries)</u>	1888–1905	D5098
<u>Declarations under the Beer Duty Act 1894</u>	1894–95	AP52/2
<u>Audited Customs correspondence</u>	1889–1900	D4868
<u>Composition of Colonial beer – section 42 Beer Only Act</u>	1900	D4868, 1900/881

## Customs correspondence records

Title or description of record	Date range	Series, item number
<u>Beer stamps to be uniform from 1 January 1902</u>	1901	D596, 1901/1434
<u>Sale of beer duty stamps by Postmasters</u>	1902	D596, 1902/648
<u>Particulars of beer transferred interstate</u>	1902	D596, 1902/1697
<u>Mixed duty on colonial beer mixed with imported</u>	1902	D596, 1902/5286
<u>Check on material used in brewing beer</u>	1903–06	D596, 1906/1427
<u>Commerce Act beer and stout described as malt abstract</u>	1907	D596, 1907/3950
<u>Brewing of beer for manufacture of vinegar</u>	1912	D596, 1912/4122
<u>Duty on beer consumed by employees</u>	1915–25	D596, 1922/2804
<u>Bottling beer for the purpose of sale – JJ McCormack, Port Pirie, 1928</u>	1928	AP378/2, P3223
<u>Beer excise inspection of hotels in country towns</u>	1931	AP378/2, P4040
<u>Illicit manufacture of beer by PR Wilson</u>	1931–32	D596, 1931/6469
<u>Illicit manufacture of beer</u>	1932–71	D737, 1970/10232
<u>Labels on beer bottled by AM Foulds Broken Hill</u>	1934	AP378/2, P4688
<u>Beer unfit for human consumption</u>	1934–45	D596, 1945/1059
<u>Trading results Tattersalls Hotel</u>	1938–47	AP5/1, 1944/3562
<u>Trading results R Montgomery &amp; Co – importers of brewers supplies</u>	1939–47	AP5/1, 1944/282
<u>Increase of Excise &amp; Customs duties on beer and spirits</u>	1939	D1975, Z1939/34
<u>Crown Solicitor opinion – prohibition of work on Sundays applicable to beer delivery</u>	1941	D596, 1941/2319
<u>Quota of beer for munitions workers</u>	1943	D1975, Z1943/1603
<u>Black marketing in beer – SS Barwon</u>	1946	AP5/1, 1946/4037
<u>Bottling of bulk beer for hotels</u>	1949–50	D737, S1966/10575
<u>Proposed repeal – section 10 of the Beer Excise Act</u>	1957–66	D737, S1966/6718

## Miscellaneous records relating to the beer industry

Title or description of record	Date range	Series, item number
<u>Trade Marks 'class' index (class 43 beer, wine and spirits)</u>	1867–1906	AP494/6
<u>Representations accompanying application for Trade Mark: 1892 Act (class 43)</u>	1893–1906	AP476/5
<u>General Post Office records</u>	1895–1964	D959
<u>Commission on Customs duty and sale of beer duty stamps</u>	1909–52	D959, IA1952/263
<u>Commonwealth Railways correspondence</u>	1913–83	B300
<u>Freight rates on beer railed to Northern Territory – South Australian Brewing Company</u>	1958–61	B300, 5814/3/163