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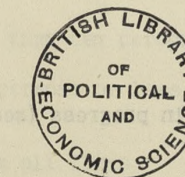
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SPRIT RECTIFYING AND COMPOUNDING TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Spirit Rectifying and Compounding Trade relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in rectifying gin and compounding spirit.

This trade together with the Spirit Distilling Trade corresponds to minimum list heading 168(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Any establishments in Northern Ireland are excluded in 1948; no production was recorded there in this trade for 1935.



## SPIRIT RECTIFYING AND COMPOUNDING TRADE

## Summary

## Larger establishments

TABLE 1

|   | 1948            | 1935           |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Gross output (production)   | £'000<br>33,884 | £'000<br>6,861 |
| Cost of materials and fuel used   | 3,320           | 6,010(a)       |
| Customs and Excise duties: net amount of duty paid on withdrawals from bond and deliveries for home consumption | 27,317          |                |
| Payment for work done on materials given out  | 229             | ..             |
| Net output  | 3,018           | 851            |
| Wages and salaries of persons employed  | 545             | ..             |
| Average number of persons employed  | No.<br>1,430(b) | No.<br>761     |
| Net output per person employed  | £<br>2,110      | £<br>1,118     |
| Stocks at end of year   | £'000           | £'000          |
| Finished products and work in progress  | 1,478           | ..             |
| Materials and fuel  | 1,229           | ..             |
| Number of establishments  | No.<br>14       | No.<br>11      |

(a) Including net amount of duty paid.

(b) For the total number of persons employed in this trade see Table 3

The values of gross output and of materials and fuel used are derived in the following way:-

|  | 1948   | 1935  |
|--|--------|-------|
| Output of firms in this trade  | £'000  | £'000 |
| Total value of sales(1948) or production (1935)                      |        |       |
| Principal products (see Table 8)                                     | 31,906 | 6,728 |
| Other output (see Table 10)  | 2,191  | 133   |
| Adjustment for changes in stocks and work in progress (see Table 14) | - 50   | ..    |
| Less payment for transport by other firms                            | 34,047 | 6,861 |
|  | 163    |       |
| Gross output (production)  | 33,884 | 6,861 |
| Materials and fuel used by firms in this trade                       |        |       |
| Purchases (see Table 13)   | 3,509  | ..    |
| Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)                      | - 189  | ..    |
| Materials and fuel used  | 3,320  | 6,010 |
| Net amount of duty paid  | 27,317 |       |

## Summary, 1948

## Small firms in Great Britain

TABLE 2

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of returns                      | 10 |
| Average number of persons employed (a) |    |
| Males                                  | 54 |
| Females                                | 13 |
| Total                                  | 67 |

(a) Including working proprietors.

## Estimated average employment, 1948

## All firms in Great Britain

TABLE 3

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| As returned by firms                           |       |
| Employing on average more than ten persons (a) | 1,430 |
| Employing on average ten persons or less (b)   | 67    |
| Average employment in all firms                | 1,497 |

(a) See Tables 1 and 15.

(b) See Table 2.

## Analysis by size, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 4

| Average number employed | Establishments | Gross output | Net output | Persons employed | Remuneration |          |          | Net output per person employed |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|
|                         |                |              |            |                  | Wages        | Salaries | Total    |                                |
| 25-49                   | No. 6          | £'000 2,057  | £'000 265  | No. 224          | £'000 33     | £'000 59 | £'000 92 | £ 1,185                        |
| 50-99                   | 4              | 4,624        | 403        | 275              | 47           | 58       | 105      | 1,466                          |
| 100 and over            | 4              | 27,203       | 2,349      | 931              | 155          | 193      | 348      | 2,523                          |
| Total                   | 14             | 33,884       | 3,018      | 1,430            | 235          | 310      | 545      | 2,110                          |

## Analysis by standard region, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 5

| Region                                     | Establishments | Gross output | Net output |                     | Persons employed | Remuneration |          |       |
|--|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|-------|
|  |                |              | Value      | Percentage of total |                  | Wages        | Salaries | Total |
| England and Scotland                       | No.            | £'000        | £'000      |                     | No.              | £'000        | £'000    | £'000 |
| London and South Eastern                   | 9              | 31,102       | 2,668      | 88.4                | 1,215            | 205          | 249      | 454   |
| South Western; North Western; and Scotland | 5              | 2,781        | 350        | 11.6                | 215              | 30           | 61       | 91    |
| Great Britain (a)                          | 14             | 33,884       | 3,018      | 100.0               | 1,430            | 235          | 310      | 545   |

(a) There were no establishments in Wales in the register for this trade.

TABLE 6 - Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948:

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

No specialisation within this trade was distinguished.

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products: Larger establishments

No particulars of total make of rectified or compounded spirits were recorded.

## Sales (or production) of the principal products of the trade, including sales (or production) of these products by establishments classified to other trades

## Larger establishments

Note - The value of dutiable spirits rectified or compounded which were delivered for home consumption was returned inclusive of duty in each year.

TABLE 8

|   | 1948             |        |         | 1935             |       |
|---|------------------|--------|---------|------------------|-------|
|   | Sales            |        | Entries | Production       |       |
|   | Quantity         | Value  |         | Quantity         | Value |
|   | Th. proof galls. | £'000  | No.     | Th. proof galls. | £'000 |
| Rectified or compounded spirits, including liqueurs, cordials, mixtures and other preparations containing spirits |                  |        |         |                  |       |
| Delivered for home consumption  |                  |        |         |                  |       |
| Gin   | 2,356            | 28,010 | 11      | 1,571            | 6,479 |
| Other British compounds for use as beverages  | 77               | 947    | 13      |                  |       |
| Other descriptions of rectified or compounded spirits   | 60               | 736    | 7       |                  |       |
| Other than for home consumption   |                  |        |         |                  |       |
| Gin   |                  |        |         | 783              | 328   |
| For export  | 955              | 1,177  | 10      |                  |       |
| Other (sold duty-free)  | 895              | 864    | 10      |                  |       |
| Other British compounds for use as beverages  |                  |        |         |                  |       |
| For export  | 38               | 120    | 7       |                  |       |
| Other (sold duty-free)  | 29               | 63     | 8       |                  |       |
| Other descriptions of rectified or compounded spirits   | 69               | 53     | ..      |                  |       |
| Total   | 4,479            | 31,971 | ..      | 2,354            | 6,807 |
| Less sales (or production) in other trades  | 13               | 66     | ..      | 30               | 79    |
| Total principal products of this trade sold or made by establishments in the trade                                | 4,467            | 31,906 | 13      | 2,324            | 6,728 |

TABLE 9 - Sales (or production) of principal products of the trade by establishments classified to other trades: Larger establishments

Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms no particulars additional to those shown in Table 8 can be given.

Sales (or production) in the trade of other than principal products

Larger establishments

Note - The value of dutiable liquors which were delivered for home consumption was returned inclusive of duty in each year.

TABLE 10

|                                | 1948            |       | 1935       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------|
|                                | Sales           |       | Production |
|                                | Quantity        | Value | Value      |
|                                | Th.galls.       | £'000 | £'000      |
| Wines and spirits              |                 |       |            |
| Delivered for home consumption |                 |       |            |
| British wines (sweets), still  | 79              | 155   | 133        |
| Wine (imported), bottled       | 185             | 700   |            |
|                                | ..              | 135   |            |
|                                | Th.proof galls. |       |            |
| Spirits purchased and bottled  |                 |       |            |
| Whisky                         | 36              | 444   |            |
| Other sorts                    | 38              | 469   |            |
| For export                     |                 |       |            |
| Whisky purchased and bottled   | 34              | 83    |            |
| Other goods                    | ..              | 205   |            |
| Total                          |                 | 2,191 | 133        |

Analysis of sales, 1948  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 11

|  | Sales     | Percentage of total sales |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|
| Sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control   | £'000     |                           |
| Productive works   | -         | -                         |
| Wholesale or selling organisations   | 1,303     | 3.8                       |
| Retail shops, etc.   | 140       | 0.4                       |
| Total sales (or transfers) to other organisations under the same control   | 1,443     | 4.2                       |
| Sales to independent buyers  |           |                           |
| Exports invoiced directly overseas   | 746       | 2.2                       |
| Exports invoiced to Crown Agents and purchasing houses in this country of individual firms and governments abroad  | 406       | 1.2                       |
| His Majesty's Government, Local Authorities (other than productive establishments), manufacturers, repairers, builders, mines, public utilities, and transport and other productive undertakings | 446       | 1.3                       |
| Wholesalers, merchants and other agents for resale   | 26,133(a) | 76.6                      |
| Retailers, including multiple shops, caterers and N.A.A.F.I., for resale   | 4,281     | 12.6                      |
| Other businesses (including farmers) and institutions of all kinds   | -         | -                         |
| Members of the public, including employees   | 237       | 0.7                       |
| Unclassified   | 406       | 1.2                       |
| Total sales to independent buyers  | 32,654    | 95.8                      |
| Total  | 34,097    | 100.0                     |

(a) Of this total £15,912,000 was recorded as divided between £281,000 for export and £15,651,000 for other sales.

TABLE 12 - Production, exports and imports of certain principal products

Particulars relating to exports and retained imports of rectified or compounded spirits are included with those of plain spirits, for which see the Spirit Distilling Trade, (Volume 9, Trade K).

Purchased materials and fuel  
Larger establishments

TABLE 13

|   | 1948                         |       | 1935                                  |          |
|---|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|----------|
|   | Materials and fuel purchased |       | Usage of purchased materials and fuel |          |
|   | Quantity                     | Cost  | Quantity                              | Cost     |
|   | Th. proof galls.             | £'000 | Th. proof galls.                      | £'000    |
| Materials (a)   |                              |       |                                       |          |
| Spirits   |                              |       |                                       |          |
| British plain spirits   | 3,327                        | 1,409 | ..                                    | 6,003(b) |
| Other British spirits   | 41                           | 25    |                                       |          |
| Imported spirits  | 1,751                        | 537   |                                       |          |
| Wine, imported  | Th. galls.<br>352            | 377   |                                       |          |
| British wines (sweets)  | 32                           | 29    |                                       |          |
|   | ..                           | 6     |                                       |          |
| Flavouring substances   | Th. cwt.s.<br>4.4            | 30    |                                       |          |
| Packing materials   | Th. gross                    |       |                                       |          |
| Bottles   | 257                          | 404   |                                       |          |
| Barrels, casks, etc.  | Thous.<br>690                | 215   |                                       |          |
| Labels, corks, crowns, etc.   | ..                           | 280   |                                       |          |
| Other packing materials (including materials for the manufacture or reconditioning of barrels, kegs, casks, etc.) | ..                           | 90    |                                       |          |
| All other purchased materials   | ..                           | 75    |                                       |          |
|   | Th. tons                     |       | Th. tons                              |          |
| Fuel and electricity  |                              |       |                                       |          |
| Coal  | 3.8                          | 14    | 3.0                                   | 5        |
| Coke  | 0.5                          | 2     | -                                     | -        |
| Electricity purchased   | Th. B. T. U.<br>(kW. hrs.)   |       | Th. B. T. U.<br>(kW. hrs.)            |          |
| From public supply  | 736                          | 6     | 380                                   | 2        |
|   | ..                           | 1     |                                       |          |
| From other sources  | -                            | -     |                                       |          |
| Electricity generated in other works under the same ownership   | ..                           | -     |                                       |          |

TABLE 13 (Contd.)

|  | 1948                         |        | 1935                                  |       |
|--|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Materials and fuel purchased |        | Usage of purchased materials and fuel |       |
|  | Quantity                     | Cost   | Quantity                              | Cost  |
|  | Th. galls.                   | £'000  | Th. galls.                            | £'000 |
| Fuel and electricity (contd.)  |                              |        |                                       |       |
| Motor spirit (petrol), and derv. fuel and other oil fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures) | 84                           | 7      | ..                                    | (c)   |
| Gas purchased  |                              |        |                                       |       |
| From public supply   | ..                           | 1      |                                       |       |
| From other sources   | -                            | -      |                                       |       |
| Gas produced in other works under the same ownership   | -                            | -      |                                       |       |
| All other purchased fuel   | ..                           | -      |                                       |       |
| Total  |                              | 3,509  |                                       |       |
| Net amount of duty paid  |                              | 27,317 |                                       | 6,010 |

(a) The values shown for 1948 include spirits, etc., in the main at their duty-free cost, while for 1935 the value shown for materials is the duty-paid cost less drawbacks receivable for spirits, etc., exported. The total sum recorded for 1948 in respect of duty payable on withdrawals or deliveries from bond less drawbacks and allowances receivable for spirits, etc., exported, deposited, etc., is shown at the end of the table.

(b) Including fuel not specified separately.

(c) Not recorded separately.

Stocks of finished products and work in progress and stocks of materials and fuel, 1948

Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 14

|  | At beginning of year |       | At end of year   |       |
|--|----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
|  | Quantity             | Value | Quantity         | Value |
|  | Th. proof galls.     | £'000 | Th. proof galls. | £'000 |
| Finished products                            |                      |       |                  |       |
| Rectified or compounded spirits              | 344                  | 1,045 | 514              | 993   |
| Other finished products                      | ..                   | 45    | ..               | 47    |
| Other finished products                      | ..                   | 129   | ..               | 145   |
| Work in progress                             | ..                   | 309   | ..               | 292   |
| Total finished products and work in progress |                      | 1,528 |                  | 1,478 |
| Materials and fuel                           |                      |       |                  |       |
| Spirits (British or imported)                | 830                  | 698   | 1,102            | 823   |
| Other descriptions                           | ..                   | 342   | ..               | 406   |
| Total materials and fuel                     |                      | 1,040 |                  | 1,229 |

Employment and remuneration: (a)  
Larger establishments

TABLE 15

|                    | Average number of operatives |      | Administrative, technical and clerical employees (b) |      | Total               |      |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------|--|------|---------------------|------|
|                    | 1948                         | 1935 | 1948   | 1935 | 1948                | 1935 |
|                    | Males                        |      |  |      |                     |      |
| Under 18           | 35                           | 16   | 8  | 9    | 43                  | 25   |
| All ages           | 606                          | 286  | 364  | 288  | 970                 | 574  |
| Females            |                              |      |  |      |                     |      |
| Under 18           | 25                           | 22   | 25   | 4    | 50                  | 26   |
| All ages           | 286                          | 122  | 174  | 65   | 460                 | 187  |
| Total              |                              |      |  |      |                     |      |
| Under 18           | 60                           | 38   | 33   | 13   | 93                  | 51   |
| All ages           | 892                          | 408  | 538(c)   | 353  | 1,420(c)<br>(d) (e) | 761  |
| Total remuneration | £'000<br>235                 | ..   | £'000<br>310   | ..   | £'000<br>545        | ..   |

(a) Excluded employees. The following numbers were employed at establishments in this trade but are not included in the table or in any other report (e.g., employees in a separate selling or transport organisation for which separate accounts are kept):-

|                 |          |    |            |  |
|-----------------|----------|----|------------|--|
| Canteen workers | - males  | 10 | females    |  |
| Other workers   | 25 males |    | 14 females |  |

(b) Number at September 25, 1948, and October 12, 1935.

(c) No working proprietors were recorded for 1948.

(d) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £12,000.

(e) The following persons (included in this total) were employed on special work by establishments employing 100 or more persons:-

|  | Operatives | Administrative, technical and clerical employees |
|--|------------|--|
| Transport of goods outside the premises                                      | 85         |  |
| Maintenance and repair of firms' buildings, but not plant                    | 4          |  |
| Research work not directly connected with current production however charged | (*)        | (*)  |

(\*) Negligible.

Wages and salaries paid, 1948 (a)  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 16

|  | Amount paid by all establishments | Establishments making returns for the calendar year |   |                |               |                |       |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
|  |                                   | Amount paid   | Percentage of annual remuneration paid in |                |               |                |       |
|  |                                   |   | First quarter                             | Second quarter | Third quarter | Fourth quarter | Year  |
| Wages and salaries of                            | £'000                             | £'000   |   |                |               |                |       |
| Operatives                                       | 235                               | 61  | 23.7                                      | 24.7           | 23.7          | 27.9           | 100.0 |
| Administrative, technical and clerical employees | 310                               | 94  | 20.1                                      | 19.2           | 19.6          | 41.1           | 100.0 |
| Total  | 545                               | 156   | 21.5                                      | 21.4           | 21.2          | 35.9           | 100.0 |

(a) Including bonus and commission payments.

TABLE 17 - Payments for work done on materials given out, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

The total amount paid for work done on materials given out was £229,000.

## Payments for certain services, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 18

|  | Amount paid |
|--|-------------|
|  | £'000       |
| Repair and maintenance   |             |
| Of buildings   | 16          |
| Of plant, machinery and vehicles   | 14          |
| Unclassified   | 6           |
| Hire of plant, machinery and vehicles  | 35          |
| Advertising and market research  |             |
| Advertising in newspapers, magazines and periodicals   | 37          |
| Other advertising services (poster display, despatch of circulars, etc.) and market research | 38          |
| Advertising and market research, unclassified  | 92          |
| Payments made for research work  | -           |
| Postage, telephone, telegrams and cables   | 12          |
| Commercial insurance premiums  | 23          |
| Rates (excluding water rates) payable in the year  | 13          |

Plant, machinery and vehicles acquired and disposed of, 1948  
Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 19

|                     | Acquisitions |             | Disposals |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
|                     | New          | Second-hand |           |
|                     | £'000        | £'000       | £'000     |
| Plant and machinery | 64           | 3           | -         |
| Vehicles            | 8            | 1           | -         |
| Total               | 73           | 4           | 1         |

Capital expenditure on building work and changes in  
occupation of buildings and land, 1948

## Larger establishments in Great Britain

TABLE 20

|   | £'000 | £'000 |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1. Capital expenditure on building work (a)                   |       | 7     |
| 2. Existing buildings and land (b)                            |       |       |
| (1) Capital cost of freeholds bought                          | -     |       |
| Estimated capital value of                                    |       |       |
| (11) Rented property newly occupied in the year (c)           | 7     |       |
| (111) Leasehold buildings and land newly occupied in the year | -     |       |
| Total of heading 2  |       | 7     |
| Total of headings 1 and 2                                     |       | 14    |
| 3. Existing buildings and land relinquished (d)               |       |       |
| (1) Selling value of freeholds sold                           | -     |       |
| (11) Estimated value of other properties relinquished         | 2     |       |
| Total of heading 3  |       | 2     |
| 4. Headings 1 and 2 less heading 3                            |       | 12    |

- (a) Excluding site value, which, where appropriate, is included in heading 2(1).  
 (b) The figures do not reflect changes in ownership of previously occupied land and buildings.  
 (c) Property which is occupied under an agreement for the payment of rent without the purchase of a lease or the payment of a premium.  
 (d) Including property destroyed or abandoned.

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Note - Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate particulars for larger establishments in Scotland cannot be given. There were no establishments in Wales in the register for this trade.

TABLE 21 - Summary: Larger establishments

See Table 1.

## Summary

## Small firms

TABLE 22

|  | England | Scotland | Great Britain |
|--|---------|----------|---------------|
| Number of returns                      | 7       | 3        | 10            |
| Average number of persons employed (a) |         |          |               |
| Males                                  | 42      | 12       | 54            |
| Females                                | 7       | 6        | 13            |
| Total                                  | 49      | 18       | 67            |

(a) Including working proprietors.



Sales in the trade  
Larger establishments

Note - The value of dutiable liquors which were delivered for home consumption was returned inclusive of duty.

TABLE 23

|   | Great Britain    |        |
|---|------------------|--------|
|   | Quantity         | Value  |
|   | Th. proof galls. | £'000  |
| Principal products  |                  |        |
| Rectified or compounded spirits, including liqueurs, cordials, mixtures and other preparations containing spirits |                  |        |
| Delivered for home consumption  |                  |        |
| Gin   | 2,356            | 28,010 |
| Other British compounds for use as beverages  | ..               | (a)    |
| Other descriptions of rectified or compounded spirits   |                  |        |
| Other than for home consumption   |                  |        |
| Gin   |                  |        |
| For export  | 955              | 1,177  |
| Other (sold duty-free)  | 895              | 864    |
| Other British compounds for use as beverages  |                  |        |
| For export  | 38               | 120    |
| Other (sold duty-free)  | 29               | 63     |
| Other descriptions of rectified or compounded spirits   | ..               | (a)    |
| Total principal products  | 4,467            | 31,906 |
|   | Th. galls.       |        |
| Other products  |                  |        |
| Wines and spirits   |                  |        |
| Delivered for home consumption  |                  |        |
| British wines (sweets), still   | 79               | 155    |
| Wine (imported) bottled   | 185              | 700    |
| Spirits purchased and bottled   | ..               | 135    |
| Whisky  | Th. proof galls. |        |
| Other sorts   | 36               | 444    |
| For export  | 38               | 469    |
| Whisky purchased and bottled  | 34               | 83     |
| Other goods   | ..               | 205    |
| Total   |                  | 34,057 |

(a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms separate particulars cannot be given.

TABLE 24 - Purchased materials and fuel: Larger establishments

See Table 13.

TABLE 25 - Employment and remuneration: Larger establishments

See Table 15.

Monthly index of employment of operatives: Larger establishments  
(average employment in 1948 = 100)

TABLE 26

| Month    | Monthly index (a) | Month  | Monthly index (a) |
|----------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
|          | Great Britain     |  | Great Britain     |
| 1948     |                   | 1948   |                   |
| January  | 100.5             | August   | 99.1              |
| February | 100.5             | September  | 94.9              |
| March    | 103.7             | October  | 92.6              |
| April    | 103.7             | November   | 96.8              |
| May      | 106.0             | December   | 93.1              |
| June     | 106.5             | Percentage employ-<br>ment in this trade<br>covered by the index | 24.2              |
| July     | 104.6             |  |                   |

(a) The index numbers are calculated from the number of operatives employed for one week in each month returned by larger establishments that made returns for the calendar year 1948.

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