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Dear Mr Hills

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request, which was received on 2 August, for the following information:

“Please can you provide me with number of brewers registered with HMRC or the relevant department (Customs and Excise) each year between 1988 and 2019.”

We can confirm that we hold some of the information requested.

Prior to 2003, HMRC did not have a central record of registered brewers so we do not have an accurate record covering those years. The information for 2003 and subsequent years is as follows:

2003	172
2004	41
2005	62
2006	67
2007	58
2008	84
2009	58
2010	123
2011	139
2012	150
2013	136
2014	115
2015	89
2016	152
2017	146
2018	227
2019	253

The data shows the number of new registrations each year. In 2003 HMRC undertook an exercise to record the number of brewery registrations; we believe that the 2003 number probably includes some breweries set up in previous years.

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Yours sincerely,

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