

# Distilled Spirits Aotearoa (NZ) Inc

## NEWSLETTER



February 2022

- **Membership:** - Our current number of members stands at: 92 Members and 66 Associate Members (includes 11 pre-commercial distilleries).

A very warm welcome to our newest Members:

**Ranui Essentials**

**LongShot Distillery**

**Holland Road Distillery**

And our new Associate Member:

**Grapeworks NZ Ltd**

- **Next Year's Fees**

Our Committee has voted to keep the 22/23 Membership fees at the same rate as this year:

\$250 Full member

\$100 Associate Member

If anyone has any concerns with this please email me within 5 days of this newsletter release. We have the option of calling a Special General Meeting Zoom call to further justify and debate the fees, followed by an electronic vote to survey overall member approval of the final agreed fees.

- **Distillery Industrial and Safety Standards**

The Committee has approved the start of Stage 2 of the BECA distillery standards work, and a final document should be ready within two months.

This next phase of work intends to complete the review of regulatory requirements of distilleries to provide industry-specific, agreed guidelines for DSA members to help distillers set up their distilleries. The guidance will provide information on set up to ensure that the installation and operation is safe and meets relevant regulatory requirements for the manufacture, packaging, handling, storage, transport and sale of potable spirits and similar alcohol-based products.

The intention is that the final document could be submitted to NZ regulatory bodies such as WorkSafe and the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) to help demonstrate that DSA's members are adequately identifying the hazards and managing the risks associated with their businesses. Our aim is that this guideline could be discussed with WorkSafe with a view for it to be developed further into a Safe Work Instrument under the health and safety regulations.

The DSA guideline document will cover all relevant aspects of NZ legislation which would apply to a business intending to build a new distillery and provide guidance for existing sites to improve (if necessary). The regulations reviewed in the guideline will cover:

- Health and Safety
- Hazardous Substance Management
- Hazardous Areas
- Electrical Compliance in Hazardous Areas
- Gas Fitting requirements
- Building Act requirements (including ventilation, fire protection etc)
- Food safety guidelines
- Sale and manufacture of Alcohol
- Transport regulations
- Environmental requirements (zoning, air discharges, spill response etc)

The main requirements of each regulatory part will be summarised and how they apply specifically to distilleries presented as a case study of a typical small distillery to show how the regulations impact on its design and configuration.

- **Richard Boraman (1938 - 2021)**

With over three quarters of NZ's distilleries less than 6 years old, we don't have a huge history behind us. One person who left a significant legacy and was at the forefront of science and development of NZ's early whisky industry was Richard Boraman, the developer of Wilson's Whisky.

Mr Boraman was a Dunedin local and in 1965 he was the sole employee of Investigation Distillery Ltd, a joint venture between W. Gregg & Co and Wilson's Malt Extract Co, working on a secret project to develop the first legal whisky in NZ for almost 100 years. When Wilson's distillery officially opened in Willowbank on November 11, 1969, he controlled the production and blending until Wilson's was sold to Seagrams in 1981. [PressReader.com - Digital Newspaper & Magazine Subscriptions.](#)

- **IWSR's key alcohol trends for 2022**

Alcohol industry analyst IWSR has shared its insights on the key drivers that will shape the global drinks market landscape in 2022. [Key Trends Driving the Global Beverage Alcohol Industry in 2022 - IWSR \(theiwsr.com\)](#)

- **Exporting, or thinking about it?**

[NZTE](#) has a website focused on providing COVID-19 information for exporters. They've also launched [myNZTE](#), an interactive digital portal of insights and tools available to all New Zealand exporters.

MFAT has created a [tariff finder](#) which is designed to help goods exporters and importers maximise benefits from New Zealand's Free Trade Agreements and compare tariffs in 136 other markets.

- **Excise**

We managed to raise the topic of our NZ distilled spirits industry and excise issues with Hon Stuart Nash (Minister for Economic and Regional Development, Small Business, Forestry, and Tourism) in January, and followed it up with an email with further background. The DSA Excise Working Group is continuing to work on plans to raise the excise issue with Government. If you have any connection with influential politicians which can help our working group – let us know.

**KEY DATES FOR LODGMENT AND PAYMENT  
OF EXCISE RETURNS 2022 (ALCOHOL)**

Month of return	Due date for entry lodgment	Due date for payment
January 2022	22 February 2022	28 February 2022
February 2022	21 March 2022	31 March 2022
March 2022	26 April 2022	29 April 2022
April 2022	20 May 2022	31 May 2022
May 2022	22 June 2022	30 June 2022
June 2022	21 July 2022	29 July 2022
July 2022	19 August 2022	31 August 2022
August 2022	21 September 2022	30 September 2022
September 2022	21 October 2022	31 October 2022
October 2022	21 November 2022	30 November 2022
November 2022	21 December 2022	23 December 2022
December 2022	24 January 2023	31 January 2023

Please note if payment is not made by due date, penalties will apply.

- **Latest ABAC report**

The Australian 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report is out – always a good read... [ABAC-Q4-2021-Quarterly-Report-January-2022.pdf](#). A reminder that if age restriction controls are available on your social media platforms, they need to be applied to restrict alcohol marketing to adults. Also alcohol cannot be advertised as a coping mechanism against Covid (Alcohol Beverage offering any therapeutic benefit or as a necessary aid to relaxation).

- **Looking after your mental health**

A link to tools, tips and resources to help you, your team and your business find mental health and wellbeing support when you need it: [Mental health and wellbeing support — business.govt.nz](#)

- **Global Perception Research 2021**

Latest info from the New Zealand Story team: Find out how perceptions of New Zealand have shifted over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic. This latest research of New Zealand was conducted in nine key global markets. This research will help businesses and exporters understand what people think of New Zealand, why it has changed, and how they can better tailor their stories for different markets with the ever-changing landscape. [Global Pulse Research 2021](#) | [New Zealand Story Group \(nzstory.govt.nz\)](#)

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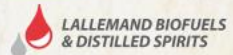


Education via the Alcohol School and  
Alcohol Textbook provides current research  
and methods for the distilling industry.

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