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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your email on 19 March 2025 in which you requested from the Insolvency Service:

I would like to know the following:

- *The number of breweries that have gone insolvent*
- *The names of all the breweries that have gone insolvent*

I would like the data broken down for each of the last five years with a year-end date of February 28. If you cannot provide data for this year end date, then please provide data for whichever year-end is used internally.

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm the agency holds the information you have requested. I have provided the numbers in the table below and the names in Annex A attached for each of the last five years ending 28/29 February.

In the period from 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2025, 172 companies in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland on the Companies House register with the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 11050, Manufacture of beer, entered insolvency.

Year ending 28/29 February	Number of insolvencies (SIC code 11050 – Manufacture of beer)
2020-2021	14
2021-2022	15
2022-2023	39
2023-2024	61

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note:

Compulsory liquidations in England and Wales are sourced from a live administration system managed by the Insolvency Service. The registration date for these is the court order date. All other insolvency procedures are sourced from Companies House, with the registration date being the date that an insolvency was registered at Companies House.

Industry breakdowns have been presented in line with the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC 2007). Compulsory liquidations data are recorded at a three-digit group level and not a five-digit class level. Where possible, this administrative data has been matched with Companies House data to produce a five-digit class level industry classification, but in some cases a five-digit class is not attainable.

Companies with multiple insolvency procedures are included multiple times to give a full record of all registered insolvencies. This means that there may be some duplicate company numbers. Administrations which have directly resulted in a creditors' voluntary liquidation are included only as administrations. Similar information for administrations converting to a compulsory liquidation or to a company voluntary arrangement is not available so these are counted as both insolvency procedures.

Company SIC codes from Companies House are self-reported. Where companies have listed multiple SIC codes, the data used captures only the first reported code.

These statistics may not align with information published separately by Companies House, or with data extracted from the Gazette. Further information on why numbers may not align can be found in the [Methodology and Quality Document](#) from our accredited official statistics publications.

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the response we have provided you and would like us to reconsider our decision by way of an internal review (IR), please contact our Information Rights team within 40 working days of this letter at foi@insolvency.gov.uk or by post at:

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You also have the right to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you wish for them to investigate any complaint you may have regarding our handling of your request. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect an IR to have been completed in the first instance.

Kind regards

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/insolvency-service/about/personal-information-charter>