

A NOTE FOR THE RECORD

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The rather well known alcoholic beverage "*Advocaat*" a product of the Netherlands, has been in world trade for many years. The name "*Advocaat*" suggests a possible relationship with the term avocado and in fact has been associated by some people as a fermented product of avocado which was encountered by early Dutch sailors as they touched land in the New World tropics. This is not a valid derivation of the product name according to an inquiry to the manufacturer, Bols Nederland B.V. The account given of this highly suggestive but negative relationship is as follows:

"Advockaat is a typically Dutch product. According to old sources, Advockaat was formerly mainly produced at home, principally in farmhouses, where, of course, hens were always kept. The farmers distilled their own spirit, from wine, and from this they prepared a tasty concoction with eggs and sugar. The amount of spirit used varied considerably, and people were often inclined to under-estimate its effects. When someone had imbibed a little too much of this tasty beverage, his tongue would frequently be loosened. People would then say: 'He talks like a lawyer (Dutch: advockaat),' and so the name was born."

Thus there is no connection between the product "*Advocaat*" and the avocado fruit or tree.