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WHOLESALERS OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH BEERS

August 8, 2003

Attn: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
PO Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

LRB Distributors Inc. supports the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau that outlines the alcohol content requirements for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer. The proposal for FMB's to be classified as beer is that less than .5% of its alcohol could come from a distilled spirit.

We support the position of the TTB because beer is not a distilled spirit or fortified wine, but a product made through the brewing process. Instituting the .5% standard will ensure the integrity of beer, and not cloud the very clear distinctions between beer, wine and distilled spirits.

LRB encourages the TTB to give final approval to the proposed .5% standard on FMB's.  
Sincerely,

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