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McQuade  
Distributing Co., Inc.  
"Quality Sales and Service Since 1947"  
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Attn: TTB Notice No.4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
PO Box 50221  
Washington, DC 20091-0221

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

McQuade Distributing Co., Inc., along with its 25 employees, SUPPORTS the proposed rule of March, 2003, by the Tax and Trade Bureau that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer, with an alcohol content from distilled alcohol not to exceed 0.5%.

Beer is beer. We need to keep its distinctive, malt based character.

Sincerely,

Sam W. McQuade  
President