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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

We operate a business that depends on sales of flavored malt beverages. The proposed new regulations would sabotage this family of products by making it impossible to produce or too costly to sell. As a business owner, I must exercise my rights and speak out against the rules change for flavored malt beverages.

If TTB policy-makers were more sensitive to the challenges faced by small retailers, TTB would not even contemplate adding these rules to the retailers' burdens. Economic studies have shown how detrimental the new regulations would be to the overall success of small businesses. The rules changes would be a case of big government punishing small retailers. Please support the people who sell flavored malt beverages. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. I ask you to oppose the rules change and prevent what would be a disaster for this industry. Sincerely,

Don Thomaston

Tri-Cities Convenience Store

