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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 8, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

As a long time retailer I know that the proposed 'new regulations for flavored malt beverages will greatly hurt my business. This proposed tax increase would virtually eliminate this product line or price it beyond reason. That would prove seriously detrimental to my bottom line!

Rather than allowing this rules change, there must be another option, which would allow the flavored malt beverage industry to endure while dealing with the concerns of TTB. I know that the hard working people in our industry would be pleased to work with you in finding a resolution that would not price this product right off of the market.

I ask you to please oppose this rules change and support a compromised solution. Without your help, our businesses will suffer deeply.

Sincerely,

Shail Patel