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Clare Rose inc.

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you today to support the proposed rule issued by the Tax and Trade Bureau that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer. For a flavored malt beverage to be classified as beer, the Tax and Trade Bureau is proposing that it cannot exceed an alcohol content, from distilled alcohol of more than 0.5%. Acceptance of the Tax and Trade Bureau 0.5% by volume standard would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process.

By equating beer and beverages that derive a majority of their alcohol content from distilled spirits could weaken the important difference between beer and products with higher alcohol content. These distinctions would not only impact state policies but federal policies regarding the regulation and taxation of beer and other alcohol beverages.

Once again, Clare Rose, Inc. encourages the Tax and Trade Bureau to give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standards on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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