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WHOLESALERS OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH BEERS

August 13, 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:

As a longtime beer distributor, I certainly support the proposed rule that for a flavored malt beverage to be classified as beer, it's alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%. The traditional distinction of "beer" has a long history as the beverage of moderation -- we do not need the traditions to be blurred any more than they now exist.

Please give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard of flavored malt beverages.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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