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Attention Notice 4

Dear Sir or Madam:

As Director of the Beer Industry League of Louisiana, the Louisiana Beer Wholesaler's Association and as spokesman for the 14,000 retail alcohol beverage dealers in the state, I wish to express support for the U. S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for Flavored Malt Beverages. (2001R-136P)

In order to maintain an orderly market place, it is essential that TTB clarify federal alcohol beverage categories. The proposed rule would provide stability in the market place while not disrupting the taxing policies that are now in place in the State of Louisiana. In the absence of a national standard manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers will face a disruptive patchwork of laws and regulations where the same produce may be sold as "beer" in one state and "distilled spirits" in another.

Again, I strongly urge adoption of the rule as now proposed by TTB.  
Yours truly,

George F. Brown  
Executive Director

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