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Anheuser-Busch
Sales & Service of New York
ONE OF THE ANHEUSER BUSCH COMPANIES

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Attn: TTB Notice #4
Chief, Regulations and Processing Division
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, DC 20991-0221

To Whom It May Concern:

As the General Manager of a large beer wholesaler in the State of New York, I support the proposed rule recently issued by the Tax and Trade Bureau in the TTB Notice #4 of March, 2003 regarding the alcohol content of flavored malt beverages. The rule would require no more than 0.5% of the alcohol content by volume of flavored malt beverages be derived from distilled alcohol.

The proposed rule will serve as a step toward consistent classification of these products. Further, it provides a consistent approach throughout the country regarding advertising, distribution, taxation, and licensing of flavored malt beverages. Federal leadership in this area will most likely be followed at the same level, which will help maintain an orderly marketplace.

Therefore, on behalf of the 330 employees of our distributorship, I respectfully request the TTB adopt TTB Notice #4.

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