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Comments=I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the TTB that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer. Adoption of the 0.5 volume standard would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process.

Moreover, equating beer and beverages that derive a majority of their alcohol content from distilled spirits could weaken the important distinctions between beer and products with higher alcohol content. Beer

is not spirits and it is not fortified wine. It is important that beer consumers know what they are drinking.