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DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

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AITN: TTB Notice #4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
PO Box 50221  
Washington DC. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a member of the Colorado Beer Distributors Association (CBDA), representing beer wholesalers in the state, I support the proposed rule recently issued by the Tax and Trade Bureau in TTB Notice Number 4 of March 2003 regarding the alcohol content of Flavored Malt Beverages (FMBs). This rule would require that no more than .05% of the alcohol content of FMBs be derived from distilled alcohol in order to be classified as "beer".

I believe this proposed rule is a critical step toward consistent classification of these products. While states have traditionally had independent regulatory powers on how to classify alcohol products, they have followed Federal policy in their decisions related to taxation, licensing, and distribution of alcohol. Colorado is no exception. Federal leadership in this important area will likely be followed at the state level and will work to maintain an orderly marketplace.

As a member of the Colorado Beer Distributors Association, I support the proposed rule, and respectfully request that the TTB adopt TTB Notice Number 4.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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