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G & M DISTRIBUTORS
Wholesale Beverage Distributor

September 3, 2003

Attn: TTB Notice No. 4
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, DC 20091-0221

To Whom It May Concern:

G & M Distributors, Inc. supports the proposed .5% rule issued by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) regarding flavored malt beverages. This rule states that a flavored beer can contain no more than 0.5% of its alcohol content from distilled alcohol.

G & M Distributors, Inc. is a liquor, beer, and wine wholesaler. The .5% rule is important as it upholds the historical definitions of liquor, wine, and beer. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 established these definitions. The 0.5% rule will help maintain the integrity of these classifications in a clear and simple way. This will enable state regulators, consumers, retailers, etc. to have a common understanding of these various categories and properly communicate appropriate messages to the public.

G & M Distributors, Inc. requests that the TTB give final approval to the proposed 0.5% stand on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer

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