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MILLER BREWING COMPANY

NAPPI DISTRIBUTORS

Chief, Regulations and Procedures
Tax and Trade Bureau
PO Box 50221
Washington, DC 20091-022 1

September 4, 2003

Re: TTB Notice No. 4

To whom it May Concern,

I am writing today to urge the Bureau to approve the captioned notice regarding the proposed 05% standard on flavored malt beverages. Approval of this rule is consistent with the historical interpretation of what beer is and recognizes beer's distinct regulatory treatment.

Rule approval ensures the integrity of beer and maintains important distinctions that impact state and federal policies regarding taxation and regulation. Approval would also avoid costly disruptions in state licensing and distribution policies.

Once again, we at Nappi Distributors urge the Bureau to give final approval to the proposed standard on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely
Nappi Distributors

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