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MILLER BREWING COMPANY

NAPPI DISTRIBUTORS

Chief, Tax and Trade Bureau
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Washington DC 20091-0221

September 3, 2003

Dear Sir or Madam,

We at Nappi Distributors encourage the Tax and Trade Bureau to approve the rule outlined in Notice number 4. The rule addresses requirements for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer. The essence of the rule states that a flavored malt beverage cannot contain alcohol derived from distillation in excess of 0.5%.

The rule is consistent with the historical treatment of malt products in terms of manufacture, taxation and regulation. This consistency is important to help maintain a stable marketplace and avoid confusing disruptions in state licensing, taxation and distribution policies. In addition, approval of this rule would avoid the blurring of the important distinctions between beer products and higher alcohol content products. These distinctions are the basis for regulation and tax policy at both state and federal levels.

Thank you for your time, we urge you to support this rule.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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