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

Dear Sir or Madam:

Flathead Beverage Company supports the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer. Specifically, the TTB proposes that for an FMB to be classified as beer, its alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%.

Beer is different than distilled spirits and has been brewed the same since the 1800's. The rule is consistent with the historical interpretations of what makes a beer and other malt beverages. Adoption of the TTB "0.5 by volume standard" would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process.

We ask again, please adapt the 0.5% standard and this will keep a beer as a malt beverage to be enjoyed many Americans for many years to come. Please consider our request and give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on FMBs.

Sincerely;

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