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Chief Regulations and Procedures Division
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Dear Chief

This letter states my support of the proposed standard of composition for Flavored Malt Beverages, as set forth by the Tax and Trade Bureau in their notice No. 4 of March 2003. This proposal is important for beer consumers as it clearly delineates the difference between beer and other alcoholic beverages.

I affirm my support for the proposed "0.5% standard" for Flavored Malt Beverages. Its consistency with historical interpretations of federal regulations will help maintain the integrity of the beer category, and help the micro breweries to survive and continue to supply beer lovers with decent beer.

Sincerely,

William H Hobbs