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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
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• Dear Sir or Madani:

I want to express my support for the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade
• Bureau proposed rule-making for flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P).

This proposed regulation will clarify that products sold, marketed and taxed as a malt
beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes. The
• proposed 0.5% standard will ensure the stability of the retail licensing system in the
overall
• marketplace. A consistent standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to
distribute,
• sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today.

This proposed regulation will bring about uniformity and prevent each state from having
to deal with this issue on a piece-meal basis,

Thank you for considering these comments. If you have any questions, please don't
• hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James H. Harrison
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee

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