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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 18, 2003

Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

The facts against the proposed rules changes for the flavored malt beverage market are plain and simple. The proposed new regulations would sabotage this category of products by making it impossible to produce or too costly to sell. These regulations spell disaster for my business!

The federal excise tax receipts are not affected by the sale of flavored malt beverages. This is a proven fact. However, the proposed changes would influence federal excise tax receipts by destroying the market for these beverages.

The TTB is on a mission to destroy the flavored malt beverage industry and with it small businesses across the country. Please oppose these regulations before irreversible damage is done.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Crate