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

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

Someone needs to look out for the needs of consumers and small business owners. The proposed rule changes for flavored malt drinks certainly do not have the interests of consumers and retailers at heart. It will result in the disappearance of this product. This loss of sales will be devastating to businesses like mine, and consumers will be deprived of a product they thoroughly enjoy.

These rule changes are an example of big government bullying small businesses. Retailers across the country cannot take any more rules being added to the scenario. Many are barely hanging on, as it is.

The proposed rule changes are unnecessary and cumbersome to all involved. I hope you can join in finding a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage market.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely Yours,

Dale Edwards