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

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

All throughout the media, we are informed of America's economic struggles. We are in tough times. Now any economist will tell you that when a country hits an economic slump, one of the quickest ways to climb out of it is to reduce taxes and promote business growth. TTB Notice No. 4 makes me wonder if this agency has consulted any economists lately?

These new regulations would require that the manufacturers of flavored malt beverages spend millions of dollars to change the way in which the beverages are produced. If they do not comply, then retailers would have to charge three dollars in tax alone for a pack of flavored malt drinks. The end result of these regulations would be the obliteration of the entire industry.

Our country is not in a stable enough position to be able to choose which industries will flourish. It would be foolish of our government to pass regulations that would have a negative impact on our whole country. Please act out of your concern for our nation. Please do everything possible to resist this rules change and work out a reasonable compromise.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Bazil

P.S. I believe that everybody is paying enough taxes on everything. Someday it will stop.