

October 24, 2003

Attn: TTB Notice No. 4

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau P.O. Box 50221 Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce hereby supports the rule of the Tax and Trade Bureau that sets forth the appropriate standards of alcohol content to allow "Flavored Malt Beverages" to be classified as beer. As proposed, the standard requires that to be classified as beer, any flavored malt beverage may not contain more than 0.5% of alcohol content derived from distilled alcohol. Throughout the history of this country beer has been taxed and regulated differently from other alcoholic beverages. This rule would be consistent with that differentiation in treatment. In addition, this rule is consistent with federal guidelines, which helps create stability, thus avoiding disruption in state taxation, distribution, and licensing. We again reaffirm our support for the 0.5 percent standard for Flavored Malt Beverages and urge its final adoption in the near future. Thank you for the

opportunity to comment.

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