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From: Randy Lee
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2003 4:35 PM
To
Subject: Support of TTB Notice #4

Greetings,

We are a small (200 bbls) brewer in Western Wisconsin about 10 years old now.

As a small brewer, we like to experiment with all sorts of styles which typically cause some confusion with TTBs standards. We do however draw the line at wanting a very clear definition of what "beer" is and is not. We do not, in any way shape or form, like to see "alcopops," those things that fall under the flavoured malt beverage sections but with more than 1/2% alcohol derived from "flavouring" ingredients.

We firmly believe that such products degrade our industry in general, thus making it harder for "serious" products to maintain the image of beer as a reasonable social drink.

We, therefore, urge TTB to pass the proposed standard of composition put forth in Notice #4 dated March 2003

Thank you for your time.

Cheers,

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