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

Re: Notice No.4

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my support for the U. S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rule for flavored malt beverages (2201R-136P).

In clarifying that any product sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage must be made according to traditional brewing methods, the proposed 0.5% standard ensures the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace. This consistent standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today. The flavored malt beverage products that look and taste the same will be available to wholesalers and retailers in all states with no interruption and no discernable taste differences for consumers.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Tim Ford