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CARLSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC.

September 18, 2003

Attn: TTB Notice No. 4
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
PO Box 50221
Washington, DC 50091-0221

Gentlemen:

Carlson Distributing is writing in support of the TTB's initial ruling that flavored malt beverages would be classified as beer if their alcohol content from distilled alcohol did not exceed 0.5%

This standard would avoid unnecessary expense and confusion in state licensing, taxation and distribution policies. It would also maintain the historic distinction between the brewing process and the distillation process.

We look forward to the TTB giving final approval to the 0.5% standard for flavored malt beverages.

Very truly yours,

CARLSON DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.

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