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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 purpose of this letter is to let you know how important it is to us at Harbor Distributing Company that final approval be given to the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer, its alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%.

I will not inundate you with all the statistics that I am sure you have been bombarded with from other beer wholesalers from around the country. However, please be reminded that beer is very distinct from distilled spirits and wine in terms of processing and historic taxation. This distinction in taxation needs to remain so that the waters do not become hopelessly muddied as new products are introduced.

Beer is made through the brewing process. This industry has a proud heritage and has contributed mightily to the culture and economy of this country. Please do not do anything to disturb our industry.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nick Pierce
President