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Mr. William Foster
Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
ATTN: Notice No. 4
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Post Office Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

RE: Notice No.4, TTB Proposed Rulemaking, Flavored Malt Beverages and
Related Proposals

Dear Mr. Foster:

I write as a concerned employee of an FMB Beverage Distributor to oppose Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau ("TTB") Notice No. 4, which would severely limit the use of flavors containing alcohol in flavored malt beverage& also referred to as FMBs. Instead, I support the more reasonable majority standard that would allow such flavoring materials to contribute up to 49% of the alcohol content of an FMB.

TTB's final rules will determine the future of all FMBs and those businesses that rely on the viability of this beverage category. Which in turn could take money out of my paycheck and possibly change or eliminate my job, or that of coworkers.

I strongly urge TTB to adopt a majority standard rather than its current proposal.

Sincerely,
Mesa Beverage
707-544-0639