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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
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Attn: Notice 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 rulemaking for flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P).

In clarifying that any product sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes, the proposed 0.5% standard ensures the stability for 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.

Several states have already endorsed the standard proposed and I am hopeful that this rule will be adopted to bring needed clarity to the marketplace.

Sincerely,

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