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Chief of Regulations and Procedures Division Attn: TTB Notice #4 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau PO Box 50221 Washington, DC 20091-0221

Support of alcohol content requirements for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer if not exceeding "0.5 by volume standard"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Beer has been defined since the 1800s as a 0.5 alcohol content by volume standard. This should be continued.

Beer is produced by the brewing process, not the distillation process such as wine and distilled spirits. The 0.5% standard should remain to ensure the integrity of beer and continue consistent regulatory process.

Thank you for the consideration.

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