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Comments=I support the proposed rule issued in March '03 by the Tax and Trade Bureau outlining the alcohol content requirements for the classification of flavored malt beverages as beer. The adoption of the TTB 0.5 volume standard would ensure the integrity of the brewing process and beer as a distinct product. Beer and flavored malt beverages should not be categorized the same as other beverages derive their alcohol from distillation, as this will blur the distinctions between beer and those products with considerably higher alcohol content.