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Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

I am writing in reference to the proposed rule changes for flavored malt beverages in TTB Notice No.4. It is my understanding that if allowed to pass, TTB Notice No.4 will have a negative impact on the flavored malt beverage industry. If that happens, my small retail business is sure to suffer as well.

Instead of looking for ways to harm America's small businesses, the federal government should be focused on cutting down taxes and regulatory burdens that are hurting America's businesses, consumers and the general economy. Given the state of the current economy, this is certainly not the time to be adding to those burdens.

I respectfully implore you to look for a compromising solution to this issue. There must be a compromise possible which would allow the flavored malt beverage industry to survive while addressing the concerns of TTB. I'm sure our industry would be happy to work with you in finding such a compromise.

Thank you for your attention.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

Robert Bonsu