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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 16, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

Extreme taxes and regulations are already hitting businesses like mine across the nation. The federal government should be looking for ways to take burdens off our shoulders, not adding to them. That's exactly what these new rules on flavored malt beverages are, another burden.

The TTB is looking to safeguard the federal excise tax revenue; however, these new regulations would actually threaten the tax revenue by destroying the flavored malt beverage industry.

These proposed rules are a disaster waiting to happen. You can help avert this monumental catastrophe by opposing these new regulations at all costs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sonny Arnold