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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 12, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

Taxes, regulations, and more taxes; is that all our government agencies know how to do? Our economy is already carrying far too much in the way of taxes and regulatory requirements. Now the TTB is proposing additional ones by rules changes over flavored malt beverages. Government policy should be aimed at reducing these barriers to economic growth. We certainly can't pay any more!

For over of thirty years, the flavored malt beverage industry has been controlled by a set of regulations that continue to serve the needs of both government and business. We don't need new rules. We especially do not need new rules that would impede the sale of these products by pricing them beyond the reach of the average working person. Are you deliberately trying to run small retailers out of business? As someone who will be negatively affected by the proposed rules changes over flavored malt beverages, I ask that you reject them. Your participation in finding a compromise solution would also be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Boyd Smith

