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FAUST DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Chief Regulations and Procedures Division
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091 0221

Atm: TTB Notice No. 4
Dear Sir or Madam:

Faust Distributing Company supports the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). The '0.5 by volume standard' This proposed rule outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer. The proposal is for a FMB to be classified as beer its alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%.

Beer is a unique product. It is not distilled spirits. It is not fortified wine. It is not a product that has been made through the distillation process. Beer is made through the brewing process. The 0.5% standard will ensure that the integrity of beer remains.

The traditional distinctions that exist must be maintained. If not, it will only be a matter of time before other producers of alcohol beverages attempt to categorize themselves as beer products.

Again, Faust Distributing Company strongly urges the TTB to give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on FMBs.

Sincerely,

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