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

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

I am writing this letter in support of the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed rule for flavored malt beverages (200 1R-136).

The proposed rule permits the addition of flavorings and other materials containing alcohol to malt beverage products only if the alcohol from such materials constitutes less than 0.5% by volume of the finished product.

This standard would clarify that any product sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage product must be produced in accordance with the strict standards required of all other malt beverage products. This would ensure product integrity, preserve longstanding distinctions imposed on beer, wine and spirits, and provide a uniform and consistent classification system on which everyone can rely.

Thank you for considering my support for the current TTB proposal for a 0.5% rule regarding fermented malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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