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Comments=I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer.  
Adoption of the TTB 0.5 volume standard would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process.

However, equating beer and beverages that derive the majority of their alcohol content from distilled spirits could weaken the important distinctions between beer and products with higher alcohol content.

Beer is not a spirits or a fortified wine.It is important that not only beer consumers but all consumers know what they are drinking.

