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

Re: TTB Notice #4  
Dear Sir or Madam:

As a long time supplier to the Brewing Industry, Mangel, Scheuermann & Oeters, Inc. supports the proposed standards for Flavored Malt Beverages(FMB's) as set forth by the Tax & Trade Bureau in TTB Notice #4 dated March 2003. We feel that this proposal is very important to the beer industry as it clearly defines the difference between beer and other alcoholic beverages, requiring that the alcohol content in FMB's derived from distilled alcohol not exceed 0.5% in order to be classified as beer.

Our company regards this new ruling to be a critical step in the consistent classification of these products and we feel that Federal leadership is essential to eliminate the confusion in terminology that can exist at the state level where "beer", "malt beverages" and "spirits" are concerned.

In conclusion let me reaffirm our whole hearted support for the proposed 0.5% standard for FMB's.

Sincerely,

Bernard E. Black  
President