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Redding
Distributing
Company

August 13, 2003

Attn: TTB Notice No. 4

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

RE: TTB "0.5 by volume standard"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Redding Distributing Company supports the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer.

Beer is a unique product that has been regulated and taxed differently than other alcohol beverages throughout our nation's history. The TTB proposed rule is consistent with the historical interpretation of what constitutes beer and other malt beverages. The definition of Beer in the Internal Revenue Code dates back to the 1800s when Congress first imposed the beer excise tax.

Adoption of the TTB "0.5 by volume standard" would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process. Redding Distributing Company encourages the TTB to give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on FMBs.

Sincerely,

REDDING DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

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