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August 13. 2003

Attn. TTB Notice No. 4

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

RE: Proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the TTB that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer.

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. Specifically, the TTB proposes that for a FMB to be classified as beer, its alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%.

The TTB ".0.5% by volume standard" would help maintain an orderly marketplace and avoid costly and confusing disruptions in state licensing, taxation and distribution polices, any of which would deal a severe blow to beer wholesalers.

If traditional distinctions disappear, it will only be a matter of time before other producers of alcohol beverages attempt to categorize themselves as beer products. Beer is made through the brewing process. The 0.5% standard nill ensure that the integrity of beer remains.

Please give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely.

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