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Attn: TTB Notice #4
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
PO Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

Krieger Beverage Co. supports the proposed ruled issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that says that flavored malt beverages (FMB) be classified as beer.

Beer is a unique product and must be taxed differently than "distilled spirits". Any deviance from this proposal would be very detrimental to beer wholesalers throughout the country. Acceptance of this proposal would help maintain the status quo in the brewing industry.

Once again, Krieger Beverage Co. encourages the TTB to give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on FMB's.

Sincerely,

Earl Krieger
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Budweiser Wholesaler
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