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Comments=I must disagree with the proposed changes to the rules applying to flavored malt beverages. It appears that this is being done with the motive of increasing the tax that the government can exact from the sale of these beverages. These changes just add more complexity to an already complex set of rules. (Just look at the length of the referenced document!!) Obviously when the original regulation was formulated, the idea of flavored malt beverages was not known and it was structured based on alcohol content. Why not leave it that way? Why should it matter how that content is derived as long as it is within the acceptable range? Using our tax dollars to come up with ways to increase the taxes we must pay seems totally wrong to me.