

May 9, 2003

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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

Chief
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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
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To Whom It May Concern:

What is it? The federal government does not think that we pay enough taxes as it is so they are coming through the back door with new regulations on flavored malt beverages to add even more? The damage this rule change would do to businesses like mine would be far too detrimental. Such a price increase would not only affect our sales of flavored malt beverage, but would destroy other sales as well. We would lose a base of customers who come in to our stores to buy these beverages but generally purchase other products as well. Loss of these sales will lower our profits to the basement!

Given this very basic information, I am sure that you agree that the TTB is about to make a decision that will negatively affect small retailers and consumers across the country. By taking even more from us financially, the government will also suffer. An even greater deficit is on the horizon if these new rules regarding flavored malt beverages are not opposed. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours

Faye Thornton