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Mr. William Foster
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Alcohol and Tobacco Trade and Tax Bureau (TTB)
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Re: Notice Number 4
Flavored Malt Beverages and Related Proposals

Dear Mr. Fosty:

The purpose of this writing is to express support for TTB's efforts to establish a uniform standard of identity for flavored malt beverages. TTB announced a proposed standard indicating that if .5% or more of the alcohol in the finished product is derived from flavors (which are, in turn, derived from distilled spirits), the product would be classified as a distilled spirit. If less than .5% of the alcohol in the finished product is derived from flavors (which are, in turn, derived from distilled spirits), then it would be classified as a malt beverage.

The state of Colorado, Liquor Enforcement Division, supports TTB's efforts to establish a uniform standard for flavored malt beverages. Should you require additional information, please contact me at (303) 205-2300.

Sincerely

Matt D. Cook
Division Director