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WARRENDISTRIBUTING COMPANY  
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FLANDERS, NEW JERSEY 07636

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Re: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief; Regulations and Procedures  
Alcohol, Tobacco and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington DC 20091-0221

Dear Sir,

Warren Distributing Company supports the TTB proposal regarding flavored malt

beverages that: alcohol content derived from distilled spirits may not exceed 0.5%. Historically beer has been taxed and regulated separately from other alcoholic beverages. The proposed 0.5% rule would be consistent with current interpretation and maintain the distinction between the brewing process and other forms of alcohol production.

While regulation of alcoholic beverages is exercised by each state, most follow federal regulation guidelines. The proposed 0.5% rule would provide consistency and maintain order in the taxation and licensing of such products. This would help ensure the health and/or survival of beer wholesalers.

Further, once the traditional lines between brewing and distilling are blurred, other alcoholic products, and producers of other alcoholic products will try to categorize themselves as "beer" or "brewers." Beer is not produced by vinting or distillation; it is made by the traditional brewing process. The 0.5% standard will ensure it remains such.

Sincerely,

John H. Cishek  
General Manager  
Warren Distributing Company

Cc: NBWA

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