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Comments= I support the proposed rule issued in March of this year by the TTB that establishes the alcohol content requirements for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer. In order to ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process, the TTB 0.5% by volume standard should be adopted.

In my opinion, equating beer and beverages that derive a majority of its alcohol content from distilled spirits will do nothing but weaken the important distinctions between beer and beverages with higher alcoholic content. It is essential that consumers know exactly what they are drinking. Beer is a distinct beverage..it is not fortified wine...it is not distilled spirits.