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Budweiser

COUNTY DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.

September 9, 2003

Attu: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-02221

Dear Sir or Madam:

County Distributing supports the proposed ruling from the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that states for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer, the content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5% by volume standard.

Record tells us that it is important to be consistent and avoid costly and confusing disruptions in state licensing, taxation and distribution policies. Allowing FMBs to exceed the 0.5% level would do just that! The proposed TTB ruling prevents unnecessary, costly distractions.

Please allow the TTB the final approval to propose the 0.5% standard on FMBs.

Sincerely,  
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Anheuser-Busch Wholesaler

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