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Dixon Distributing Company  
Sept. 5, 2003

Attn: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Div.  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
PO Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

Dixon Distributing Co. supports the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the TTB requiring flavored malt beverages to not exceed 5% content from distilled alcohol in order to be classified as beer.

Keeping the distinctions between distilled products and brewed products is important to maintain because these distinctions have been recognized by state and federal agencies for years, both for purposes of regulating them and for purposes of taxing them.

I encourage the TTB to give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Dixon  
President

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