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DELTA BRANDS, INC.
September 9, 2003

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

Delta Brands, Inc. is in support of the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau that outlines the content requirements of the FMB's to be classified as beer.

We feel that beer is very different from distilled spirits and should be treated as such. To blur the lines between the two would be counterproductive. Any regulatory changes would negatively affect the marketplace causing disruptions in state licensing, taxation, and distribution policies.

If exceptions are made for FAB's, where will it stop? It would only be a matter of time before producers of all different types of alcoholic beverages attempt to have their products designated as beer.

We ask that the TTB approve the proposed 0.5% standard for FMB's, thus ensuring the continued integrity of the beer industry.

Sincerely,

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President

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