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Chief, Regulations & Procedures Division
Attn: Notice No. 4
Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, DC 20091

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to the Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau's proposals standards regarding The Alcohol Sources in Flavored Malt Beverages (FMB). As a beer wholesaler, we are in favor of Option #2 known as the 51-49 Standard.

The 51-49 Standard appears to be the logical choice that would establish a national standard for FMB, maintain the integrity of the FMB sector, allow for continued growth, and allow for fair competition and consumer choice.

The above mentioned reasons and the fact that the current makeup of the segment is running smoothly is why we support the adoption of Option #2.

Thank you.

John Sloop

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