

0047313

MessageFrom: Mike Stokes [mstokes@fallsdistributing.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2003 2:55 PM

To: nprm@ttb.gov

Subject: 'TTB Notice No. 4'

I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outline alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer. Adoption of the TTB .5 by volume standard would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process.

Moreover, equating beer and beverages that derive a majority of their alcohol content from distilled spirits could weaken the important distinctions between beer and products with higher alcohol.

Beer is not a spirit. Beer is not fortified with wine. It is important that beer consumers know what they are drinking.

Michael Stokes

Falls Distributing Company

Wichita Falls, Texas 76308