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TTB Issues Frequently Asked Questions on Category Management and "Tied House"

TTB has issued <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> (FAQs) on shelf schematics in response to questions we received following publication of <u>Ruling 2016-1</u>, <u>The Shelf Plan and Shelf</u> <u>Schematic Exception to the "Tied House" Prohibition, and Activities Outside Such Exception</u>. Ruling 2016-1 provided general guidance concerning promotional activities commonly associated with category management programs and whether or not those activities are lawful. These <u>FAQs</u> are intended to help industry members who wish to be voluntarily compliant.

TTB remains firmly committed to ensuring a level playing field through enforcement of the trade practices provisions of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.