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Comments=I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the TTB that outlines alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages to be classified as beer. Adoption of the TTB 0.5 by volume standard would insure the integrity of beer and the brewing process. Equating beer and beverages that derive a majority of there alcohol content from distilled spirits could weaken the important distinctions between beer and products with higher alcohol content. Beer is not spirits. Beer i9s not wine. It is important that beer consumers know what they are drinking.