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Re: TTB Notice No.4
Dear Sir:

As consumer of adult beverage products, I strongly support the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages. (2001R-136P). The proposed rule is an important clarification of federal alcohol beverage categories which is necessary to maintain an orderly US marketplace for the flavored malt beverage category. The proposed standard is the most efficient means to address recent concerns by both federal and state officials and help sustain the long-term development of the product category while meeting consumer expectations.

Additionally, these reformulated products will be consistent with state tax, license, and distribution laws allowing wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today.

As a taxpayer, this proposed a national standard is essential. Without such this standard manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers will face the very real potential for a patchwork of individual state laws and regulations where the same product may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in one state and as a "distilled spirits" in another. The absence of a national standard will cause great confusion for consumers and for public policy makers.

Brewers have already demonstrated their ability to produce flavored malt, beverages under the new federal standard. These FMB products look and taste the same and I'm told, will be available to Wholesalers and retailers in all states with no interruption and no discernable taste differences for consumers,

Thank you -for this opportunity for me to offer my support for the current TTB proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages. And, thank you for a common sense solution to this issue. -

Sincerely,
Christina M Bolton