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Comments=I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer. Adoption to the TTB 0.5 by volume standard would ensure the integrity of beer and brewing process.

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

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