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Comments=I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer. Adoption of the TTB 0.5 by volume standard would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process, and distinguish it from liquor/spirits, which are, of course, very different in nature.