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Chief  
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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

The proposed TTB Notice No. 4 is a completely unreasonable regulatory proposal. You need to encourage the TTB to get input from all parties affected by their actions before proceeding with such a ridiculous proposition. Please note my strong opposition to the regulation as it stands now.

The federal government should be focused on cutting down taxes and regulatory burdens that are hurting businesses, consumers and the general economy. This is certainly not the time to be adding to those burdens. Research by the ATF /TTB led to the correct conclusion that sales of flavored malt beverages do not threaten federal excise tax receipts. But the proposed rules change would threaten those receipts big time by killing the market for these beverages.

This would be a step backwards for regulatory policy in the U.S. Please stop this rules change or at least work out a fair compromise. Thank you.

Regards,

Boyd Pickett