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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 16, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:
Small retailers, who deal heavily in the sale of flavored malt beverages, cannot afford another regulation or tax increase on this product line. In fact, it is becoming quite clear that our government's excessive taxes and business regulations represent our biggest obstacle to our entire nation's economic recovery. The one thing we don't need is new regulations governing flavored malt drinks that would only make this obstacle even more insurmountable.

From my standpoint, it is extremely discouraging to see our own government pushing for the rules changes outlined in TTB Notice No. 4. Don't you realize how much it would hurt both business and consumers? This proposal would benefit no one and it would be an unwelcome interference with the flavored malt beverage marketplace.

For the benefit of an entire country, I ask for your support of the people who manufacture, buy, and sell flavored malt beverages by preventing the rules changes what would be so detrimental for this industry.

Sincerely,

