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August 25, 2003  
Attn: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
PO Box 50221  
Washington, DC 20091 -0221

Dear Sir/Madarn:

Chicago Beverage Systems supports the proposed rule issued in March of 2003 by the  
Alcohol and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for  
FMBs to be classified as beer.

Beer and distilled products are clearly separate and distinct liquids. Beer is the product of  
the brewing process not distillation. These distinctions impact state and federal policies  
regarding the regulation and taxation of beer and other alcohol beverages.

Beer has always been regulated and taxed differently than other alcohol beverages.  
Adoption of the TTB's "0.5% by volume standard" would ensure the integrity of beer  
and the brewing process. Consistent regulatory policy is important because while states  
enjoy regulatory power over alcohol, most follow federal regulatory guidelines.

Chicago Beverage Systems strongly urges the TTB to give final approval to the proposed  
"0.5% by volume standard."

Sincerely,

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