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MILLER OF DENTON

10 September 2003

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division.
Attn: Notice #4.
Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau
P. O. Box50221
Washington, DC 20091

Gentlemen:

Miller of Denton supports your 51/49 "majority" standard for Flavored Malt Beverages (FMBs), which Notice No 4 acknowledges would comply with federal law.

We DO NOT need to classify a flavored Beer as anything but beer. The spirits companies want to make this an equivalence issue, so that BEER is taxed at the Federal and State level the same as Distilled Spirit; this is not fair or equitable.

I have been a BEER distributor for 45 years, and if the present ruling is changed it will only cause a disruption of the Alcoholic Beverage industry.

All the Distillers want is to cause an equivalence in the Alcohol Tax levied on Beer and a distilled spirit. Beer is Beer weather it is FLAVORED OR NOT, and should be taxed as it is, "A Brewed Beer", not a Distilled Spirit.

Thanks for considering my point of view.

Clyde D. Fisher
President.

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