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KING OF BEERS

A-B DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

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Chief, Regulations, Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

I support proposed rule in March 2003 and Trade  
that states it has for an FMB to be classified as beer, its alcohol content ~ ~  
alcohol ~ ~ 0.5% ~ ~ V

Beer is our has been regulated and taken differently than other alcoholic  
beverages. The TTB proposed rule is consistent with the  
interpretation of what constitutes beer. The adoption of  
the TTB "0.5 by volume standard" would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing  
process.

This proposed rule would help maintain an orderly marketplace and avoid costly and  
confusing disruptions in state licensing, taxation and distribution policies. Equating beer  
to beverages that derive a majority of their alcohol content from distilled spirits could  
weaken the important distinctions between beer and products with higher alcohol content.  
These distinctions impact state and federal policies regarding the regulation and taxation  
of beer and other alcohol beverages.

Beer is not distilled spirits. Beer is not fortified wine. Beer is not a product that has been  
made through the distillation process. Beer is made through the brewing process. The  
0.5% standard will ensure that the integrity of beer remains.

Sincerely,

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