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Attn: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P O Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pizzini Distributing Co. supports the proposed rule issued March 2003 by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for flavored malt beverages (FMB) to be classified as beer. Specifically, the TTB proposes that for an FMB to be classified as beer, its alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%.

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.

Once again, Pizzini Distributing Co. encourages the TTB to give final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on FMBs.

Sincerely,

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