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Budweiser

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Attn:TTB Notice No.4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Divison  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Humes Distributing Inc. Fort Dodge Iowa is in favor of the proposed rule from the Tax and Trade Bureau that sets the requirements of Flavored Malt Beverages. In their proposal they state that for a Flavored Malt Beverage to be classified as beer the alcohol content from distilled alcohol products cannot exceed 0.5%. We feel this is consistent with the industry and the correct level for these products;

Beer and 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. Consistency of these products is a very important from a licensing; taxation and consumer responsibility standpoint.

Please give the final approval to the proposed 0.5% standard on Flavored Malt Beverages and thanks from the employees of Humes Distributing for letting us voice our opinion