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STANDING STONE BREWING

Friday, October 17, 2003

Regulations Chief
Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221 - -
Washington, DC 20031-0221

RE: TTB Notice #4, Flavored Malt Beverages and Related Proposals (200 IR- 136P)
Dear Sir or Madam:

Standing Stone Brewing Co. supports the proposed regulations for products marketed as flavored malt beverages (FMBs), as set forth by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) in TTB Notice No.4 of March2003.

It is appropriate that the limit of alcohol in a beer" derived from distilled spirits be limited to 0.5% alcohol by volume, the 0.5% alcohol by volume limit is the standard for determining fhe
• tax status of beer, wine and fruit flavor concentrates, as well as juices and sodas that contain small amounts of alcohol The 0.5% standard is fair across the board for all beverages, and should apply to FMBs with added flavors as well.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely, •
Emile J. Amarotico -
President

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