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SPANISH SPRINGS BREWING COMPANY

October 19, 2003

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Tax and Trade Bureau
PO Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20031-0221

RE: TTB Notice #4, Flavored Malt Beverages and Related Proposals (2001R-136P)
Dear Sir or Madam:

Spanish Springs Brewing Company supports the proposed regulations for products marketed as flavored malt beverages (FMB's), as set forth by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) in TTB Notice No. 4 of March 2003. The difference between FMB's and the beer I brew here at Spanish Springs is huge, and I applaud the TTB for striving to make the appropriate distinction between the two. In my opinion, by not imposing the "0.5% standard" for FMB's, the definition of what beer really is becomes blurred. As a small brewer, I cannot afford to have that happen. The strength of my business lies in the fact that I brew beer the traditional way and the public recognizes it as such. Thank you for your efforts in protecting that image.

Sincerely,

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Spanish Springs Brewing Company
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