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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 15, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I'm hoping you can be the voice of reason on the issue of changing regulations on the flavored malt beverage industry. As a retailer, I don't think there is any need for changes in the regulatory policy governing the production, marketing and distribution of flavored malt beverages. This policy has worked well for 30 years and changing it now would benefit no one. Why fool with them now?

My consumers and other retailers like me are struggling with excessive taxes and regulations as it is. Combined, these regulations and taxes threaten to downgrade America's quality of life and sink our fragile economic recovery. This is no time to be adding new taxes and regulations. There must be another solution.

I am convinced that this proposed rules change is a regulatory disaster in the making, but you can help avert disaster by opposing this punitive change and encouraging support for a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage market. Please shine some common sense on the issue. We are counting on you!

Thank you.

Sincerely

Tim Rinker