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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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

Dear Sir/Madarn:

Businesses like ours don't expect the government to bail us out, but neither do we expect the government to sink us with more taxes and more regulations. However that is exactly what the TTB's new regulations regarding flavored malt beverages would do if allowed to take hold. Due to the fact that so many of our consumers purchase these drinks, we would definitely see a decrease in sales and, therefore, a lower profit margin as well. Given these bleak economic times, don't you believe that government should concentrate on reducing, not increasing these types of regulatory burdens?

Although the current proposal is unreasonable, the people involved don't have to be. Surely everyone can work out a reasonable compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage industry by either totally eliminating it from the shelves or pricing it out of existence?

For the good of everyone involved, including the national government, please do everything you can to see that these new rules do not become a reality.

Sincerely Yours,

Kathrine Thompson

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