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PRESIDENT

August 25. 2003

Atm: TTB Notice No. 4
Chief. Reg.ulations and Procedures Division
PO Box 50221
Washington. D.C. 20091 -0221

Dear Sir/Madam:

Chicago Beverage Systems suppons the proposed rule issued in March of 2003 by the
fax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that outlines the alcohol content requirements in order for
FMBs to be classified as beer.

Beer has always been repulated and taxed differently than other alcohol beverages.
Adoption of the TTBS "0.5% by volume standard" for FMBs would ensure the integrity
of beer and the brewing process. Consistent regulatory policy is important because while
states enjoy regulatory power over alcoho, most follow federal regulatoy guidelines.

Beer and distilled products are clearly separate and distinct liquids. Beer is the product of
the brewing process - not distillation. These distinctions impact state and federal policies
regarding the regulation and taxation of beer and other alcohol beverages.

Chicago Beverage Systems stionglv urges the TTB to give final approval to the proposed
"0.5% by volume" standard for FMBs.

Sincerely

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President

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