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Attn: TTB Notice No. 4
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

I, Billie Jacobsen, support the proposed rule recently published by the Tax and Trade Bureau which says that in order for a Flavored Malt Beverage to be classified as beer the alcohol content of said product, derived from distilled alcohol, cannot exceed 0.5%.

I feel beer should remain separate from other alcoholic beverages because the production process for beer creates a distinct and unique form of alcohol. Since this production process dates back to before the 1800’s I see no reason to at this time change the definition of beor.

Beer is not the same as products deriving most of their alcoholic content from distilled spirits and should not be lumped together with them.

Thus, I believe you could open an unwanted ability for producers of other alcoholic beverages to attempt to categorize themselves as beer products if the proposed standard of 0.5% is not approved.

Sincerely,

Billie Jacobsen