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# Natural Products Association Requests Comment Period Extension on National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard

WASHINGTON, DC – The Natural Products Association (NPA) today filed a formal request to extend the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s rulemaking period by 90 days for its National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard.

“Due to the considerable interest generated by the topic as well as the significance and complexities involved in this proposed rule, the NPA does not believe the original deadline of July 3, 2018 for public comment allows sufficient time to provide meaningful stakeholder responses,” said Dan Fabricant, President and CEO of NPA. “A 90-day extension would allow interested parties enough time to thoroughly review the Federal Register notice and to provide written comments for the Agency’s consideration. We further feel no harm will result from USDA AMS extending the comment period by an additional 90 days.”

In its request, Dr. Fabricant said that “there are many proposed requirements and procedures introduced with this proposed rule, and it raises many questions for public comment.” Dr. Fabricant also expressed the Association’s interest in offering “alternatives to some of those requirements and procedures.”

View NPA’s full letter [here](#).

### **Natural Products Association**

The **Natural Products Association (NPA)** is *the* trade association representing the entire natural products industry. We advocate for our members who supply, manufacture and sell natural ingredients or products for consumers. The Natural Products Association promotes good manufacturing practices as part of the growth and success of the industry. Founded in 1936, NPA represents approximately 1,000 members accounting for more than 10,000 locations of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements and health/beauty aids.

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