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AMBA Provides Comments on Proposed FDA Regulations

Milwaukee, April 1, 2014 - American Malting Barley Association (AMBA) filed comments on proposed FDA regulations that would impact how brewers handle their spent grains and on how elevators store barley. The FDA published the proposed rules in response to the Food Safety and Modernization Act that was signed into law on January 4, 2011. One set of proposed rules dealt with food for humans and the second for animal food.

Comments on the animal food rule were due on March 31, 2014 and AMBA submitted two sets of comments. The first set was jointly submitted with the Beer Institute and noted that new, costly regulation of spent grains was unnecessary in light of the fact that they have provided livestock producers an inexpensive, high protein feed for decades without a single safety issue. These comments for animal food are similar to those submitted for the human food rule, and can be found at: [BI & AMBA FDA Comments](#)

A second set of comments dealt with the storage of raw agricultural commodities except fruits and vegetables. The proposed rule contained an exemption for the handling and storage of grains but put such tight restrictions on how grains were to be stored that the exemption was unworkable. The comments were jointly submitted with the National Barley Growers Association, and can be found here: [AMBA & NBGA Comments](#)