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December 11 Webinar to Address Proposed Regulations

The Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance is monitoring implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and its potential impact on feed manufacturers and distributors.

The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) and the National Grain and Feed Alliance (NGFA) recently submitted comments to the FDA urging them to extend the comment period beyond February 2014 for the agency's new preventive control and current good manufacturing practice (CGMPs) regulations and to clarify the proposed exemption for grain elevators and other facilities that store, handle and ship raw grains and oilseeds. With the exception of medicated feed, the feed industry has never had to implement good manufacturing practices regulations, and FDA is proposing to implement those, as well as hazard analysis and risk based preventive controls in a very short timeframe.

The FDA apparently intended to exempt facilities solely engaged in the storage of raw agricultural commodities (other than fruits and vegetables) from regulatory oversight. Unfortunately, virtually no grain elevators would qualify because the exemption would be removed if the facilities also performed other common activities associated with the safe and effective storage of grain, such as screening, cleaning, conditioning and fumigating.

AFIA, NGFA, *Feedstuffs* to Host Free FSMA Webinar

Speakers Will Address Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food Animals

The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) and *Feedstuffs* will host a free webinar from 2-5 p.m. EST on Dec. 11, to address current good manufacturing practice (CGMP) and hazard analysis and risk-based preventive controls for food for animals.

Registration for the webinar, titled "Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) – What You Need to Know

Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals" is available online. There is no cost to register for this webinar.

The webinar will cover information published in the Federal Register Oct. 29. The release marks the latest set of [proposed rules](#) issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to implement FSMA.

Key questions that will be answered during the webinar include:

- When will the rule be effective?
- How are different sized companies impacted?
- What CGMP are proposed; who needs to comply?
- What needs to be in my written hazard identification and preventive controls plan?
- How do I develop preventive controls for the facility?

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