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NPA Calls for Redraft of Biological Products Rule

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) relied on old biochemistry textbooks and cherry-picked outdated dictionaries to define protein in its proposed rule for biological products, said the Natural Products Association (NPA) in comments today. NPA asked the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to redraft its proposed rule and adopt different definitions for “polypeptide” and “protein.”

“We need smart regulations that protect consumers, not arbitrary rules based on old science,” said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA. “FDA’s definition of “protein” should reflect all of modern science, including modern research articles in the open public literature, not select articles or outdated textbooks of its choosing. NPA hopes FDA will adopt different definitions for these terms and we look forward to participating in this important regulatory process of public notice and comment in the future. This will be a very busy year for NPA in terms of comments and we look forward to continuing to provide leadership and insight into FDA in a way that no one else in the industry does.”

NPA’s comments can be viewed [here](#).

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