Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Japan’s agri-food sector and the Trans-Pacific Partnerships

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, SOR,)
EIB

[ ] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service
USDA

[ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report examines the impact of trade liberalization under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) on Japan. First, the report discusses the Japanese consumption patterns, the agricultural sector, government support programs, and current non-tariff trade barriers. An analysis of the trade impacts of the TPP follows looking at potential changes in imports, exports, and domestic production.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/15/14 End: 08/01/14 Completed: 08/01/14

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No