Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Examining Pathogen-based Import Refusals: Trends and Analysis

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

Agency: Economic Research Service

Influential Scientific Information

Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review:
Pathogen-contaminated food can contain bacteria, viruses, or parasites, and once ingested or improperly handled can result in illness and even death. Identifying adulterants in imported foods and refusing contaminated shipments help minimize the risk of foodborne illness from foreign products and is essential to keeping U.S. consumers safe. Using import refusal data in the Operational and Administrative System for Import Support (OASIS) database from 2002 to 2019, this report explores import refusal trends in total, annually, by industry, and by country. Our analysis helps identify which pathogen is the most common in refused imports, which industries are the most frequently refused in total and by pathogen type, which countries are the most frequently refused in total and by pathogen type, and what changes have occurred over time.

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

Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.):
Start: 02/22/2021
Completed: 06/15/2021
Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers:
3 or fewer

4 to 10

More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by:
Agency

Designated Outside Organization

Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment?

Yes

No

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

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?

Yes

No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?

Yes

No