

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Impact of Recent Trade Agreements on Japan's Pork Market

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This work reviews Japan's import barriers on pork, including the gate-price tariff system and safeguards. Production, consumption, exchange rate, bilateral trade, and demographic data from sources that include Trade Data Monitor, the United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS), the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF), and the U.S. Census Bureau were used to describe Japan's historical trends. The Global Trade and Analysis Project (GTAP) computable general equilibrium model was used to analyze the likely impact of the various EPAs. Using 2018 (the year before Japan's first EPA) as a baseline year, the authors simulated three separate scenarios: 1) assuming a 10 percent average gate-price tariff in the base year, 2) assuming a 10 percent average gate price tariff in the base year with no USJTA, and 3) assuming a 15 percent average gate-price tariff in the base year. Results for the first two scenarios are provided in the main text while the third scenario is included in the appendix

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: 5/31/2022 Completed: 11/2/2022

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

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