

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Agriculture in the Trans-Pacific Partnership

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: The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a proposed trade and investment agreement being negotiated by 12 Pacific Rim countries, including the United States. Ambitions for a model “21st century” agreement include the reduction or elimination of barriers to trade and investment, integration of supply chains, achievement of greater regulatory coherence and competitiveness, and the strengthening of institutions important to economic development and governance. TPP member countries already trade substantially in agricultural products, and reductions in trade barriers could deepen their trade and other economic relationships. This study quantifies the economic effects of a hypothetical TPP scenario in which all tariffs and tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) on intra-TPP trade are eliminated.

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: 11/19/13 End: 04/02/14 Completed: 04/02/14

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

