Peer Review Plan

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

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

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

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Subject of   Pathogen-contaminated food can contain bacteria, viruses, or parasites, and once ingested or
Review: 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   The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent
Review: 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Timing of Review (Est.):   Start: 02/22/2021   Completed: 06/15/2021   Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

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