

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Estimating the effects of NTMs on U.S.-EU Agricultural Trade

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

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

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Subject of Review: This study investigates the effects of non-tariff measures (NTMs) on U.S.-EU agricultural trade. It reviews several of the data, methodological, and conceptual challenges to assessing NTMs in the context of free trade agreements and implement an empirical strategy for examining NTMs in U.S.-EU trade. In contrast to typical approaches that seek mass estimates without distinguishing among different types of measures, the study applies a tailored strategy that consists of identifying some specific NTM concerns raised by U.S. and EU exporters. To assess these NTMs, the analysis combines market analysis with gravity model econometric tools to estimate the forgone levels of trade.

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: 04/15/15 End: 07/02/15 Completed: 07/02/15

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

