

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Japanese Beef Imports by Exporting Source and the Impacts of Tariff Reforms

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

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

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Subject of Review: Japan is one of the largest beef importing countries in the world and an important destination market for the United States. In this report, the authors examine how Japanese importers view U.S. beef vis-à-vis imports from Australia and other countries and how imports differ across beef products (chilled, frozen, and offal). They also assess the impact of market access reform through the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) on the Japanese beef market. Projections show that JAEPA could lead to significant gains for the Australian beef at the expense of U.S. beef in the Japan.

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: 07/08/15 End: 12/24/2015 Completed: 12/24/2015

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

