

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Protected Geographic Indicators in Trade Agreements

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

EIB

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

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Subject of Review: Protecting Geographic Indicators has been a recent priority in many of the trade agreements negotiated by the European Union. These treaties restrict anywhere from 30 to 800 geographic terms to be used solely by producers in that geographic area. Some of these terms which denote geography in the EU have been used in other countries as generic terms describing a type or style of a particular good. Restricting these terms to certain EU producers may cause trade disputes, as domestic producers in the country forming the agreement or third country foreign producers, both using the protected term as a generic, may compete in the market with the protected EU producers. With large numbers of terms included within each agreement, we want to consider whether protecting these geographic terms legally will have significant impacts on domestic and third country producers.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 4/12/2018 Completed: XX/XX/18 Withdrawn: 5/8/18

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