

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Is the Use of Food Labels Declining? Changes in Food Label Use between 1995-96 and 2005-06

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: The study examined the change in label use over time by comparing population estimates of the proportion of individuals that use nutrition labels and specific label components using data from the Diet and Health Knowledge Survey (DHKS), a supplement to the 1994-1996 Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals (CSFII), as well as from the Diet Behavior and Nutrition (DBN) module of the 2005-2006 National Health and Examination Survey (NHANES). The study used probit regressions techniques appropriate for binary outcome variables to test whether the observed changes in use remained significant once the changes in the demographic composition of the U.S. over the ten year period were accounted for.

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 Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 02/01/08 End: 03/01/08 Completed: 05/01/08

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No

