

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food Safety and Imported Food: An Analysis Using FDA Import Refusal Reports
 Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: In the United States, the volume of imported food and the import share of food are steadily rising, meaning that a greater proportion of our food supply is produced and handled outside of direct food safety oversight by the U.S. public and private sectors. As a first step in understanding linkages between food imports and potential food safety risks, the researchers analyzed Food and Drug Administration (FDA) refusals of import shipments during 1998-2004. The main goals were to identify which imported foods tend to have the most reasons for refusal, which sanitary issues and other reasons for refusal (i.e., violations) are most common, and what the FDA refusal data sample represents.

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: 05/29/07 End: 09/06/07 Completed: 09/06/07

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

