

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Rice Market in South Korea

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: In Korea, rice has been the most important agricultural crop and the staple grain for centuries. Korea has also been an important market for U.S. rice, importing more than 1 million tons of japonica-type rice from California since 1995. But at the end of 2014 Korea choose to impose a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on rice imports, with a tariff of 513 percent for over-quota tariffs. This report reviews this important market for U.S. rice with regard to the new TRQ and internal Korean supply and demand.

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: 01/27/16 End: 04/26/16 Completed: 04/26/16

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

