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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This manuscript addresses a critical area in international trade and agricultural economics by exploring the quality of Chinese agricultural exports to Japan. The study’s emphasis on the Nested Logit Model and empirical evidence enriches existing literature. The findings can guide policymakers and exporters in improving product quality and competitiveness.The paper provides insights into the dynamics of trade barriers, quality regulations, and market competitiveness, which are valuable for scholars and practitioners.The study is timely and relevant given the increasing focus on food safety and quality standards in global trade.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes, the title accurately reflects the manuscript’s content. However, it could be refined to "Evaluating the Quality of Chinese Agricultural Exports to Japan: Trends and Policy Implications" for more clarity and academic appeal.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive but could be improved by highlighting the policy recommendations explicitly. Including a sentence about the significance of the findings for stakeholders would enhance its impact.	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes, the manuscript is scientifically robust. The use of the Nested Logit Model and extensive data analysis is appropriate for the research objectives.The methodology is well-defined, and the conclusions are logically derived from the results. However, the manuscript should clarify the limitations of the study.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient and relevant. Most sources are recent and address key areas of trade and product quality. Including additional references on global food safety standards and their evolution could strengthen the discussion.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language quality is generally good but requires minor improvements for clarity and grammatical accuracy. For example, some sentences in the "Introduction" and "Conclusions" sections could be more concise.	
Optional/General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The manuscript could benefit from a more detailed discussion of the policy implications of the findings. For example, how can China’s agricultural sector address pesticide residue challenges to meet Japan’s Positive List System requirements?Including visual aids, such as flowcharts or tables summarizing the key policy recommendations, would enhance reader engagement. <p>No ethical issues were identified. The manuscript uses secondary data sources, and there is no indication of ethical concerns.</p>	

PART 2:

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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