

发言题目及概要

Meat Export and Taiwan-United States relations

In 2003, the first case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, a.k.a. mad cow disease) was discovered in United States, since then, the ban of U.S. beef import from the Council of Agriculture of Taiwan was applied and lifted back and forth. The potential threat of BSE, along with the use of ractopamine in meat product, made U.S. meat export a controversial issue in Taiwan-United States relations. The negotiation not only concerned food safety in meat industry, but also was seen as one of the leverage enables Taiwan to gain the political interest with the United States. The presentation mainly focuses on the case study of the meet export issue between Taiwan and the United States, briefly analyses the background of the controversy.