

Interactive comment on “Recent evolution of China’s virtual water trade: analysis of selected crops and considerations for policy” by J. Shi et al.

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The paper has received critical and constructive review comments from three experts in the field. The issues that come to the fore in the reviews are; (i) repetitiveness of some of the results from previous work of other authors, and (ii) excessive length and over-use of symbols etc that prevent the readers to easily follow the storyline. The main contribution is the look at the virtual water trade from China’s perspective, which has an immediate practical impact. I expect the paper to contribute to the literature that is accumulating on the subject of the virtual water trade. So I expect the paper to be published eventually, but only after SUBSTANTIAL revisions to address the concerns of

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the three reviewers. I look forward to receiving the revised manuscript, and I intend to send it back to all three reviewers to ascertain that their concerns are fully addressed in the revisions.

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