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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This research explores the utilization of currency futures as a hedging mechanism to counteract the risks posed by exchange rate volatility in international trade. Exchange rate volatility, characterized by frequent and significant changes in currency values, can greatly affect the financial outcomes of businesses engaged in cross-border transactions. These fluctuations impact the cost of imports and exports, altering pricing strategies, profit margins, and overall financial stability.

Currency futures are standardized financial contracts traded on exchanges, allowing the purchase or sale of a specific amount of a currency at a predetermined price on a set future date. These contracts enable businesses to lock in exchange rates for future transactions, thus hedging against potential adverse movements in currency values. The primary purpose of this strategy is to provide businesses with a tool to mitigate the risks associated with currency fluctuations, ensuring that their costs and revenues remain stable over time.

The benefits of using currency futures are substantial. They provide a cost-effective means of managing currency risk without the need for upfront payments, unlike options. Also they help stabilize profit margins by avoiding unexpected expenses due to adverse currency movements. However, there are also challenges to consider.

In conclusion, currency futures offer a robust solution for managing exchange rate volatility in international trade. By hedging against currency risks, businesses can protect their profit margins and ensure greater financial stability. This strategy, despite its complexities, provides significant advantages for companies operating in global markets, enabling them to navigate the uncertainties of currency fluctuations effectively and maintain consistent financial performance.