Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Economic and Food Security Impacts of Agricultural Input Reduction Under the European Union Green Deal’s Farm to Fork Biodiversity Strategies

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,)

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review: The European Commission (EC) has proposed legislation through the unveiling of its Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies that would impose restrictions on European Union (EU) agriculture through targeted reductions in the use land, fertilizers, and pesticides. The proposal also pledges to use EC trade policies and other international efforts to support this vision of sustainable agri-food systems, suggesting intentions to expand the reach of the policy beyond the EU. To examine the economic implications of the proposal, we perform a range of policy simulations on several of the proposed targets using three progressively broader adoption scenarios of the EC’s initiative.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 10/12/2020 Completed: 11/01/2020 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

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