Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: U.S.-Cuba Agricultural Trade: Past, Present, and Possible Future

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

[ ] SOR

[ ] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

[ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Trade between the United States and Cuba is highly restricted, but the Obama Administration and many in Congress have indicated a desire to lift the long-standing trade embargo. This research paper explores the potential effect of normal U.S.-Cuba trade relations for US agriculture, including U.S. agricultural exports and imports of a range of commodities.

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: 03/31/15 End: 05/29/15 Completed: 05/29/15

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