Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Opportunities for Making U.S.-Mexico Agricultural Trade More Agile

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

EIB [X] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review: This report explores ways to facilitate further growth in U.S.-Mexico agricultural trade by modifying the border processes and procedures that govern that trade. To solicit ideas on this topic, about 80 interviews were conducted with people who are familiar with bilateral agricultural trade and the processes regulating that trade at the border from the private sector, government, and academia from the United States and Mexico. Based on information collected during these interviews and supplemental information drawn from publicly available information, six areas of opportunity were identified for making U.S.-Mexico agricultural trade more agile.

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: 11/05/15 End: 03/08/2016 Completed: 03/08/2016

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