

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Global Landscape for Agricultural Trade

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

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Over the past two decades, a number of countries have increased their participation in agricultural trade much more than the world as a whole. The BRIIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, Indonesia, and China) stand out among this group of countries. Because of their large populations, the BRIIC countries are likely to continue to be among the world's largest agricultural importers for the foreseeable future. In addition, the BRIIC countries are important agricultural exporters, drawing on their large share of the world's arable land and large labor forces. The emergence of the BRIIC countries, Argentina, Malaysia, and a few other countries as leading exporters and of China as one of the world's top three importing countries means that it is increasingly important to better understand domestic and trade policy of these countries.

This report surveys the landscape of agricultural trade and government policies that could impact trade. The newly-emergent trade giants are an important part of this landscape. From the U.S. perspective, it is also important to study large markets that have become relatively less important to global agricultural trade, in particular the EU, and assess whether their relative decline is permanent and how policies influence that decline.

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: 2/14/17 End: X/X/17 Completed: X/X/17

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