

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Agricultural Export Restrictions: Effects and Policy Modifications that Reduce Market Distortions

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

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

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Subject of Review: During the surge in world agricultural and food prices of 2006-08, as well as the more recent price jumps during 2010-12, many countries imposed restrictions on agricultural exports, including taxes, quotas, and complete export bans. Another class of export control that has existed during the past few decades is long term export taxes. From 2003 to 2009, 65 of the 128 countries for which the World Trade Organization did a trade policy review applied export taxes, for such products as agricultural goods, forestry and fishery products, minerals, metals, and precious stones. The study has two objectives: (1) to examine the market effects of export restrictions; and (2) to identify ways to modify conventional export taxes, quotas, and bans to make them less market-distorting, and thereby less welfare-diminishing.

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: 1/30/14 End: 6/2/2014 Completed: 6/2/2014

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

