

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Understanding Chinese Outward Foreign Investment in Agriculture and Food

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

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

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Subject of Review: China was the world's second-leading foreign investor in 2014, and the country is projected to spend \$1-to-2 trillion on outward foreign direct investment (FDI) during 2015-25. China's outbound FDI reflects a transition from a stage of "bringing in" capital and technology to a new stage where Chinese companies "go out" or "go global" to invest and play an active, assertive role in world affairs and the global economy. Going global is a component of related globalization initiatives to strengthen China's position in global trade and institutions. Agricultural and food-related assets are one part of China's "go global" investment strategy that has attracted significant attention. This report expands and updates an earlier analysis of China's overseas agricultural investment.

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: 1/12/17 End: 8/14/17 Completed: 8/14/17

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