

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Classifying and Measuring Agricultural Support: Comparing the WTO and OECD Systems

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) Economic Information Bulletin

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

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Subject of Review: Most countries provide some level of support to their agricultural sectors. Because different types of support can impact producers and consumers in other countries, a number of systems have been developed to measure agricultural support levels and classify types of support in ways that facilitate comparing them across countries. Both the WTO and OECD employ such classification systems. Similarities between the two systems suggest easy “mapping” from one system to the other. However, although the two systems address essentially the same question and measure essentially the same programs, the results can be surprisingly different. This report examines the differences between the two classifications and how to prevent their potential miss-application.

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: 06/06/10 End: 10/22/10 Completed: 10/22/10

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