

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under Secretary for Industry and Security Washington, O.C. 20230

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The Honorable Richard Shelby Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby report to the Congress the export licensing actions taken by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) relating to exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba for the calendar quarter of July through September 2006, as required by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub.L. 106-387). This report is required by section 906(b) of the TSRA.

For the reporting period, BIS received 42 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, 35 were approved in an average processing time of 8.9 days. Seven notifications were returned without action in an average processing time of just under three days, either because the notifications lacked sufficient information or because they were duplicates of prior notifications.

During the reporting period, BIS also processed 16 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, five were approved in an average processing time of 13 days and 11 were returned without action in an average processing time of four days. BIS did not deny any license applications for TSRA eligible items in this quarter. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Mark Foulon, Acting

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Quarterly Report to the Congress on Activities Undertaken by the Department of Commerce Pursuant to Section 906(a)(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000

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