

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under Secretary for Industry and Security

Washington, D.C. 20230

December 28, 2007

The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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 most recent calendar quarter, July through September 2007. Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Public Law 106-387), as amended, requires this report.

For the reporting period, BIS processed 36 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, we approved 35 in an average of 9.5 calendar days. One notification was returned without action for a technical deficiency. We did not convert any AGR notifications to a license application in this time period.

Additionally, BIS processed 11 standard export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, six cases were approved in an average of 20 calendar days. The remaining five applications were returned without action in an average of two calendar days. Three of the five were returned to allow the applicant to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. One application was returned without action for a technical deficiency, and one because it was a duplicate. No applications in this category were rejected during the report period. For your ease of reference, a chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

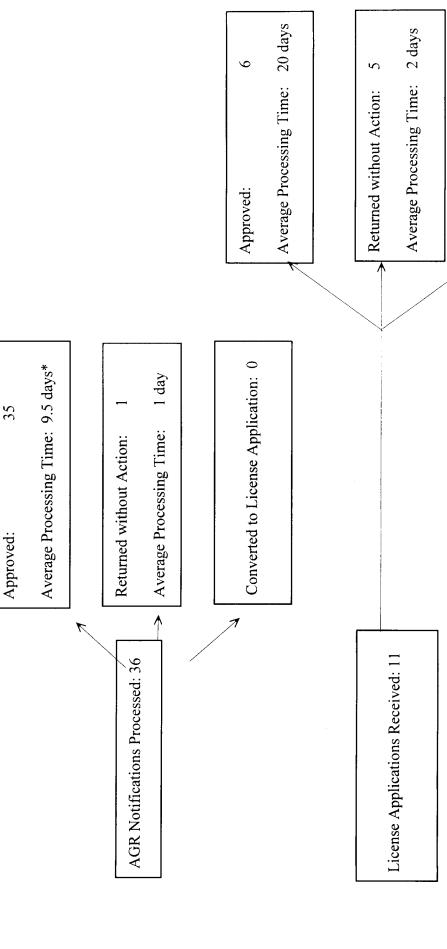
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Enclosure



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

Agricultural Commodities to Cuba July - September 2007



*Average processing times are in calendar days.

Rejected: