



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under Secretary for Industry and Security

Washington, D.C. 20230

May 8, 2003

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
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 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, January-March 2003, 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 TSRA.

For the reporting period, BIS received 32 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 30 notifications were approved in an average of six and one-half business days. One notification was returned without action because the items were not eligible for License Exception AGR. The other notification included one item that was not eligible for License Exception AGR, but was converted to a license application. Including this converted License Exception AGR notification, BIS processed 22 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. Of these, 19 were approved in an average of 12 business days. Three license applications were returned without action in an average of 11 business days. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth I. Juster".

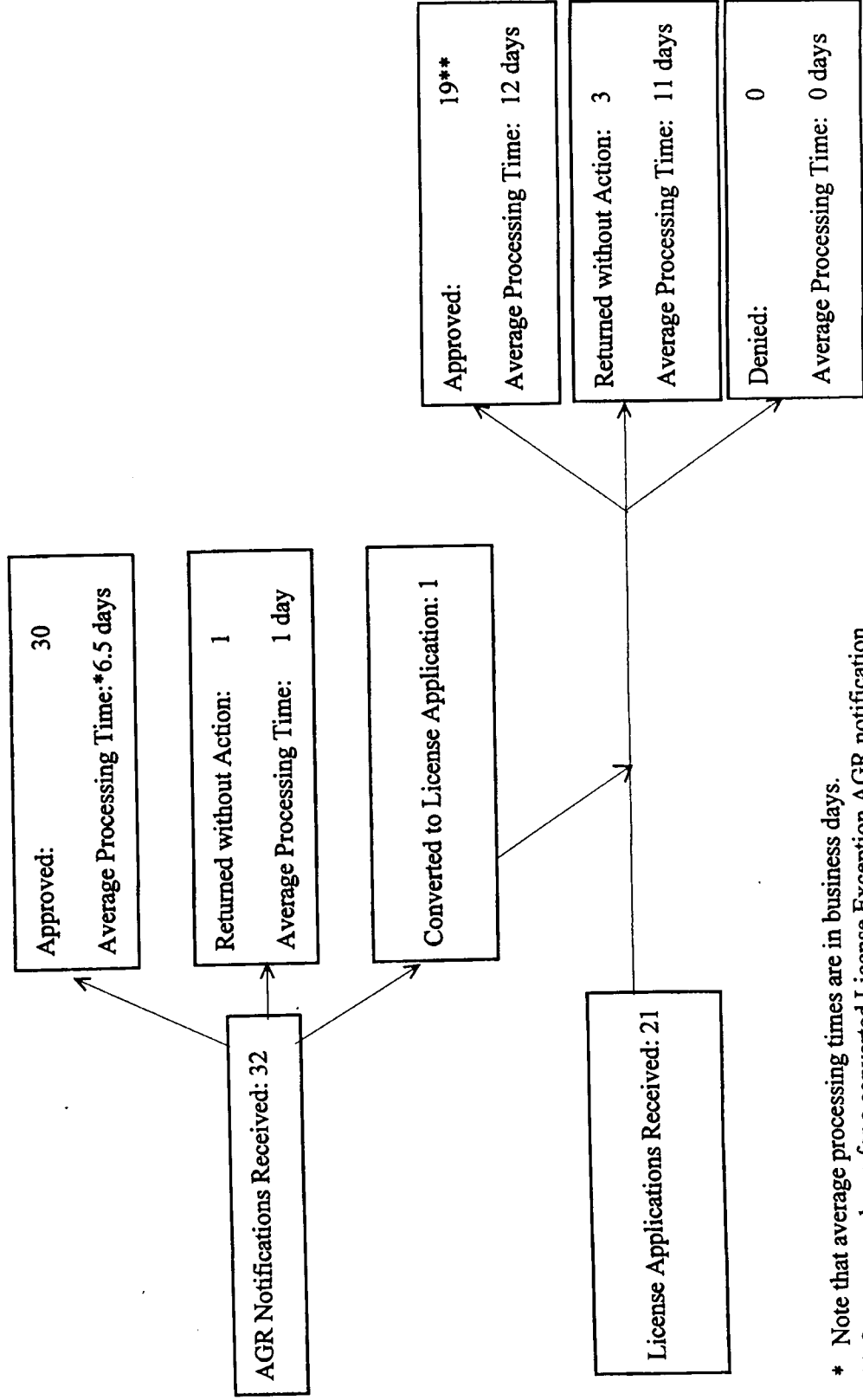
Kenneth I. Juster

Enclosure



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

Agricultural Commodities to Cuba: January-March 2003



* Note that average processing times are in business days.

** One approval was for a converted License Exception AGR notification.