



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

August 14, 2006

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 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, April-June 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 TSRA.

For the reporting period, BIS received 31 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, 29 were approved in an average processing time of 5.7 days. The two other notifications were for items that did not fall within the scope of TSRA. These notifications were converted to license applications, consistent with the procedure outlined in License Exception AGR, and processed consistent with U.S. foreign policy interests.

BIS also processed and approved, in an average of 18 days, two export license applications that were submitted during the reporting period for TSRA-eligible commodities. We did not reject or return without action any license applications for TSRA-eligible items. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McCormick".

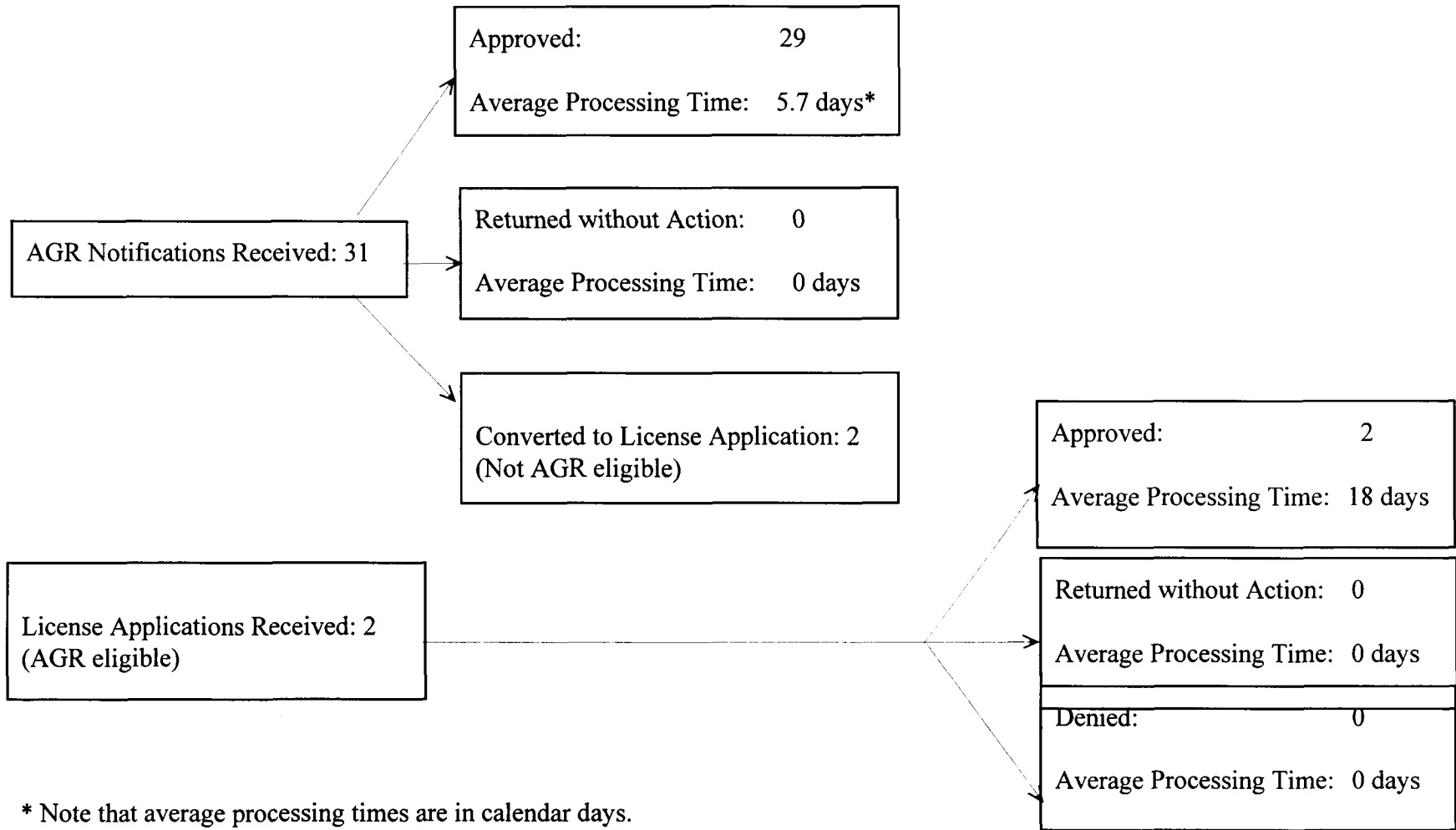
David H. McCormick

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: April - June 2006



* Note that average processing times are in calendar days.