



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

February 20, 2008

The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd  
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 most recent calendar quarter, October through December 2007. Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub.L. 106-387), as amended, requires this report.

For the reporting period, BIS processed 50 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, we approved 49 in an average of 9 days. One notification was not eligible for AGR and was converted into a standard export license application.

Additionally, during this period, BIS processed 25 standard export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, ten cases were approved in an average of 21 days. The remaining 15 applications were returned without action in an average of five days. Eleven were returned to allow the applicant to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. Two applications were returned without action for a technical deficiency, and two were returned because they were duplicates. No applications in this category were rejected during the report period. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

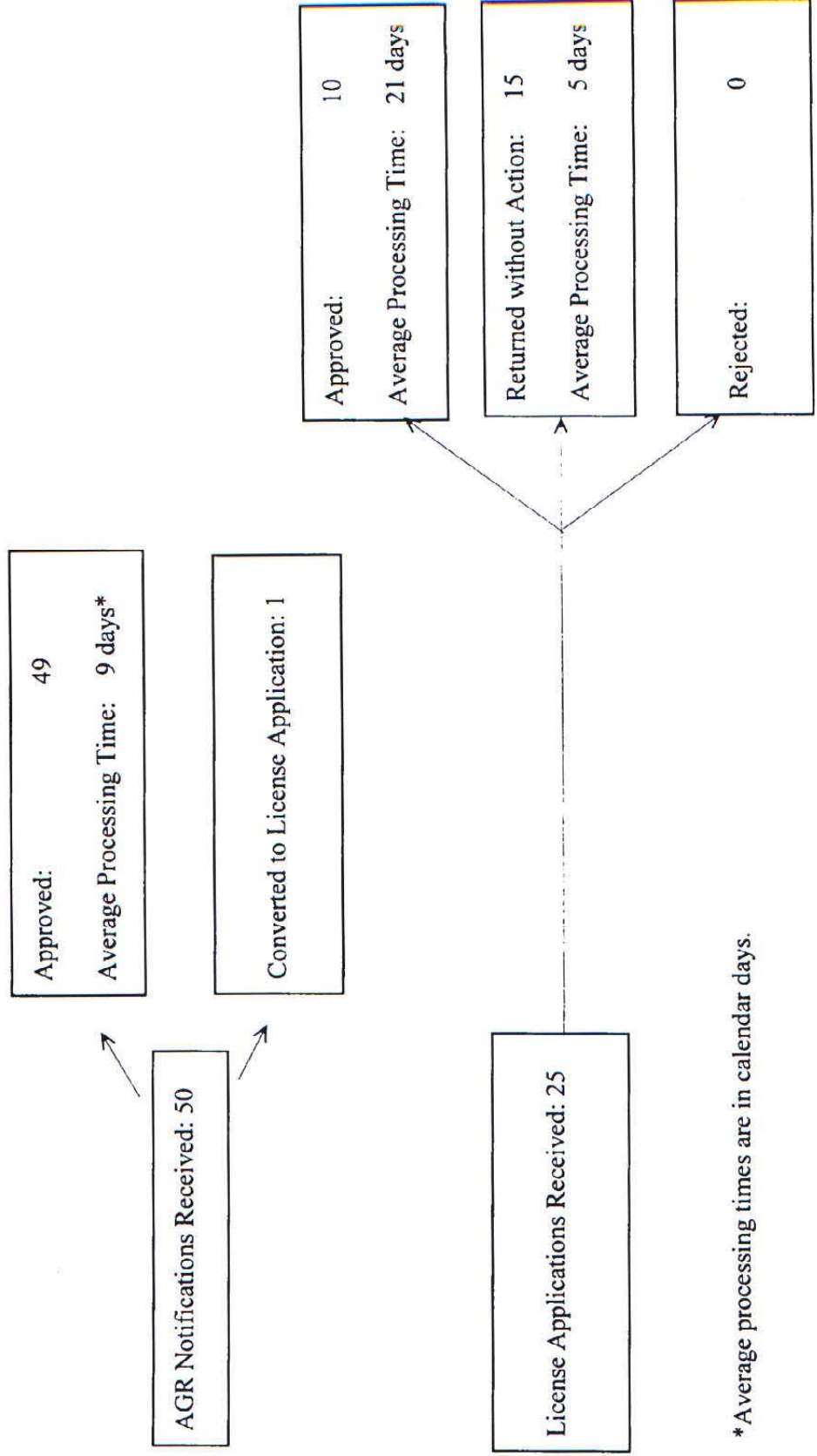
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Enclosure



**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  
October - December 2007



\* Average processing times are in calendar days.