



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

August 4, 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 January through March 2008. 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 38 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, we approved 35 in an average of 6 days. Three notifications were returned without action. Two notifications were returned due to technical deficiencies. The third notification was returned without action because the commodity is not subject to the Export Administration Regulations.

Additionally, during this period, BIS processed 10 standard export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, five cases were approved in an average of 16 days. The remaining five applications were returned without action in an average of six days. Two were returned to allow the applicant to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. Three applications were returned without action for technical deficiencies. No applications in this category were rejected during the report period. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

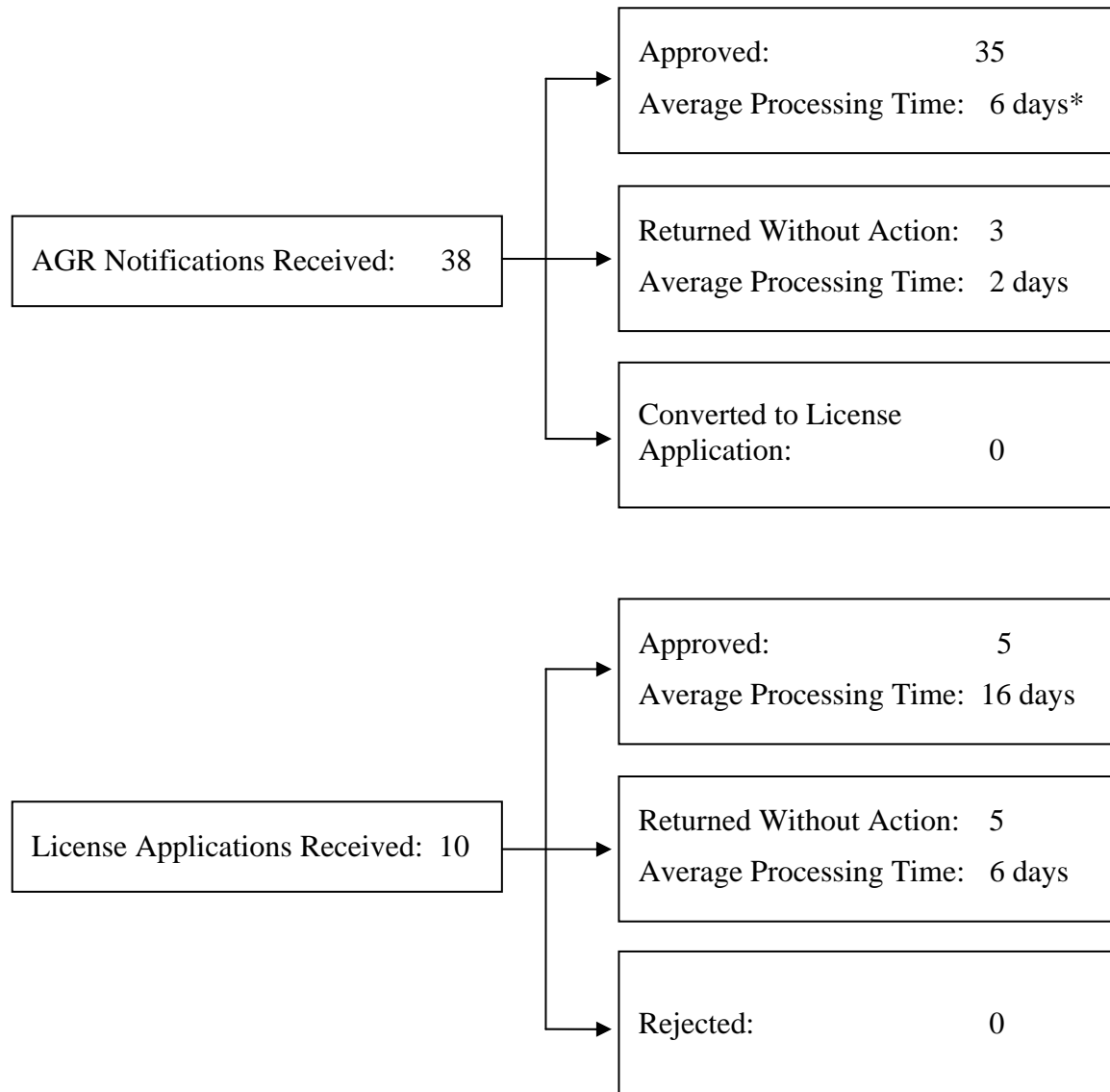
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Enclosure



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
January – March 2008



*Calendar days