



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

January 16, 2004

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, October-December 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 67 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 66 notifications were approved in an average of eleven business days. One notification was converted to a license application, as it was not clear that the item was eligible under TSRA. After extensive consultations with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which makes the eligibility determination, we returned the license application without action because the item was not eligible for export to Cuba. BIS also processed 35 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. These were approved in an average of 17 business days. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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

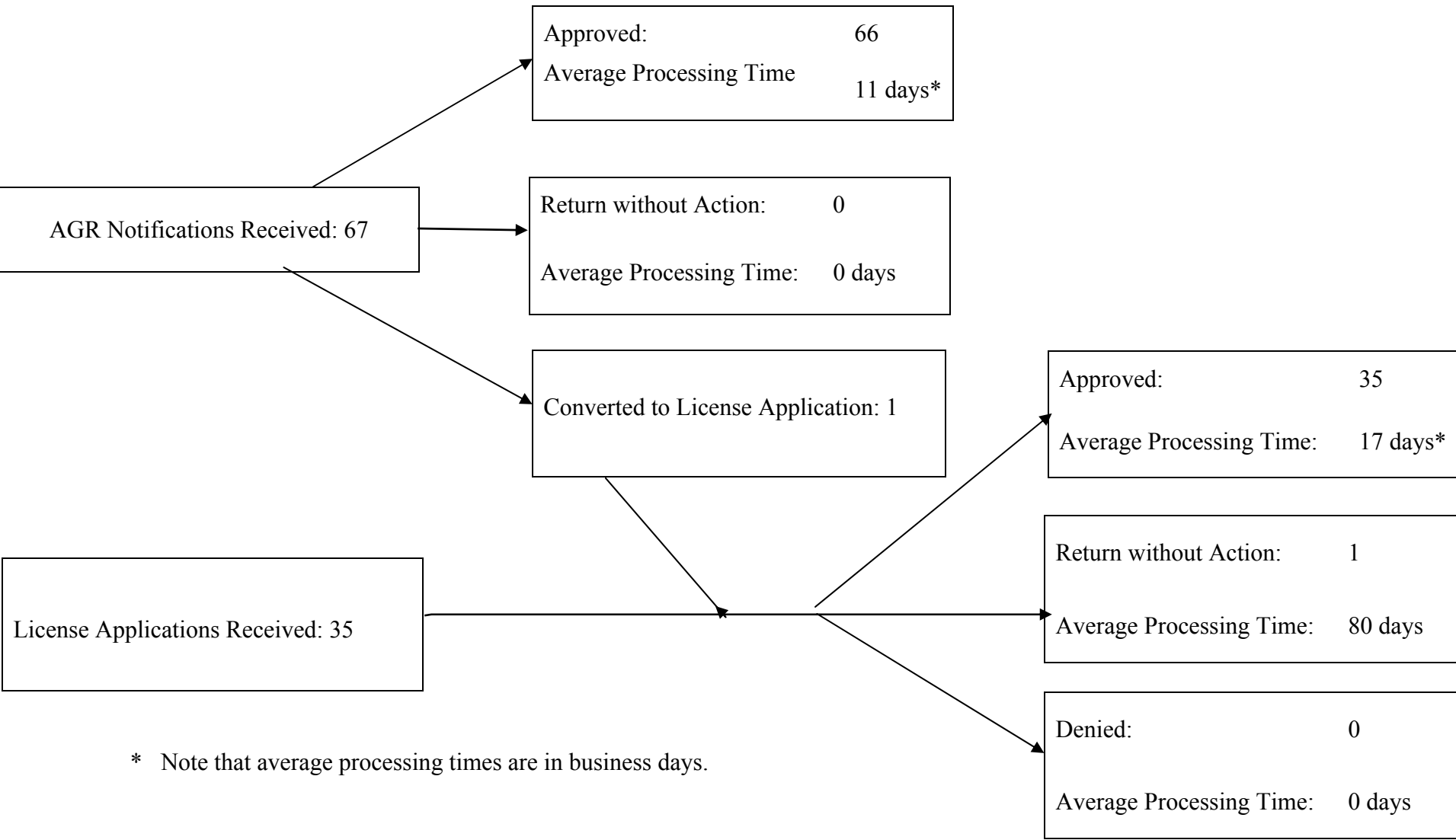
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Enclosure



**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: October-December 2003



* Note that average processing times are in business days.