



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

January 28, 2003

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Chairman, Committee on Banking,
Housing and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 205 10

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 2002, 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 77 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 70 notifications were approved in an average of 17 business days. The remaining notifications were returned without action in an average of two business days (all because the products were not eligible for License Exception AGR). BIS also processed 24 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. Of these, 19 license applications were approved in an average of 26 business days. Five license applications were returned without action in an average of two business days because the applications duplicated License Exception AGR notification submissions. A chart illustrating this information is attached.

Sincerely,

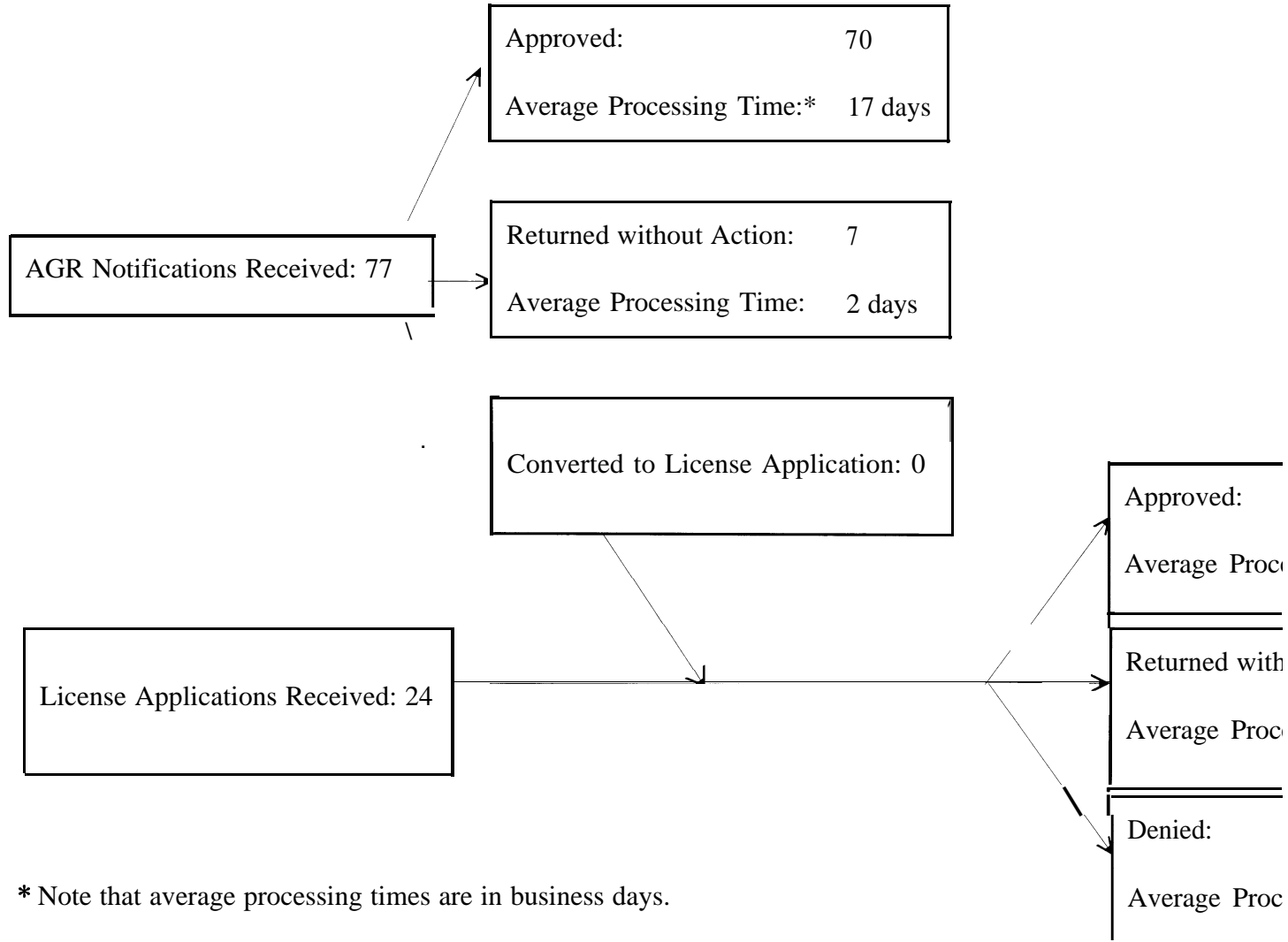
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**Quarterly Report to the Congress on Activities Undertaken by the Department of Comm
Section 906(a)(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act**

Agricultural Commodities to Cuba: October-December 2002



* Note that average processing times are in business days.