



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

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The Honorable Evan Bayh
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on International
Trade and Finance
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

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, January-March 2005, 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 62 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 61 were approved in an average of 14 business days. One notification was converted to a license application because the product was not TSRA-eligible. BIS also processed 29 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. Of these, 24 were approved in an average of 36 business days. Five applications were returned without action, all at the applicants' request. Four of the applications were submitted as license requests instead of AGR notifications and were returned in an average of 3 business days. The one remaining case (the converted AGR notification) was returned without action after a total of 37 days because the product proposed for export was not eligible for any exception to the general policy of denial applicable to exports to Cuba. Together the five returned cases were processed in an average of 9 business days. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

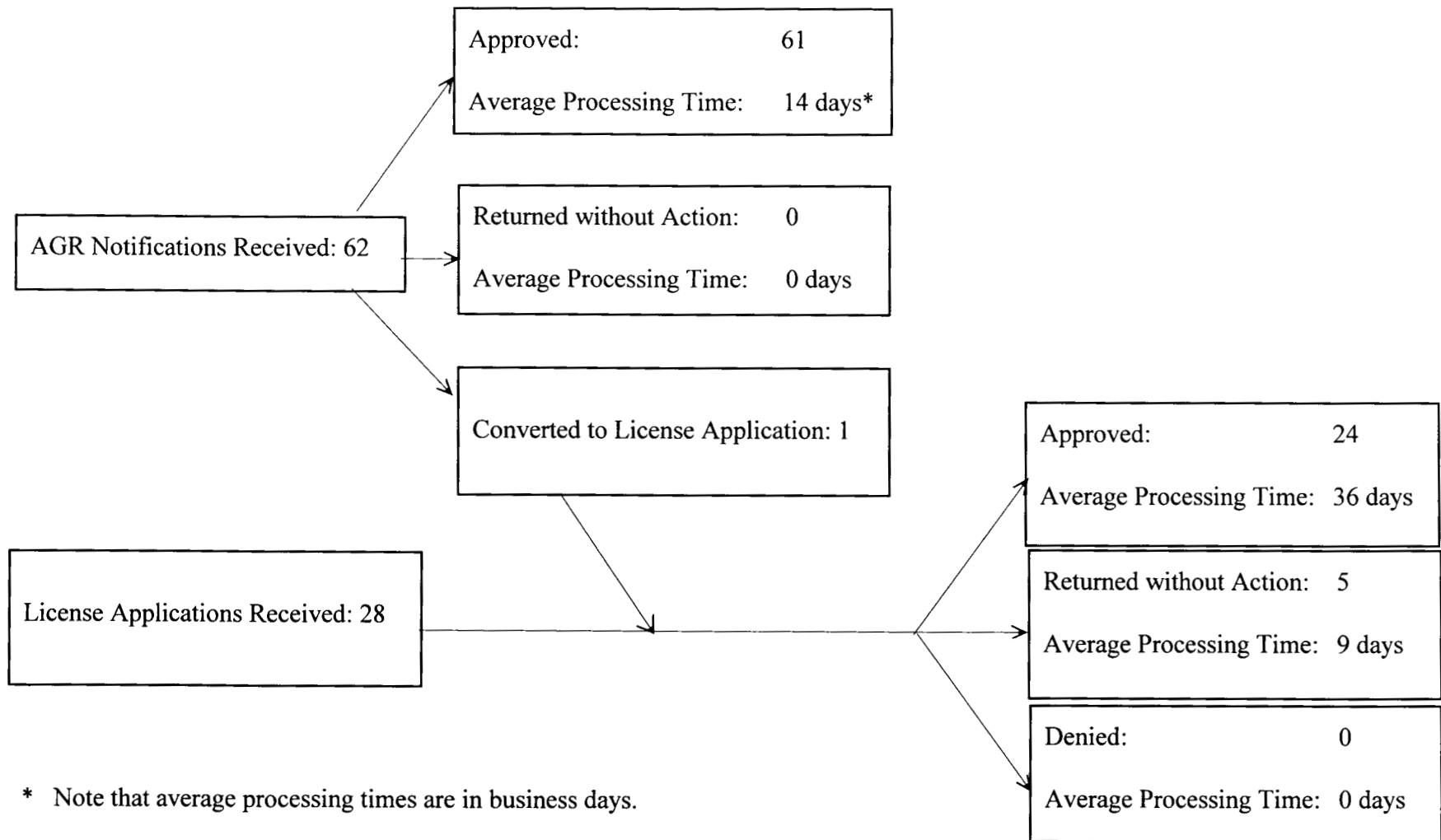

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**Quarterly Report to the Congress on Activities Undertaken by the Department of Commerce Pursuant to
Section 906(a)(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000**

Agricultural Commodities to Cuba: January-March 2005



* Note that average processing times are in business days.