



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

February 7, 2005

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 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-December 2004, 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 50 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities. The notifications were approved in an average of 18 business days. BIS also processed 21 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. Of these, 19 were approved in an average of 35 business days. Two applications were returned without action, both at the applicants' request, because they planned to re-submit as notifications. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

On November 17, 2004, BIS submitted its biennial report to the Congress on exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba for the preceding two year period, as required by Section 906(c) of TSRA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Lichtenbaum".

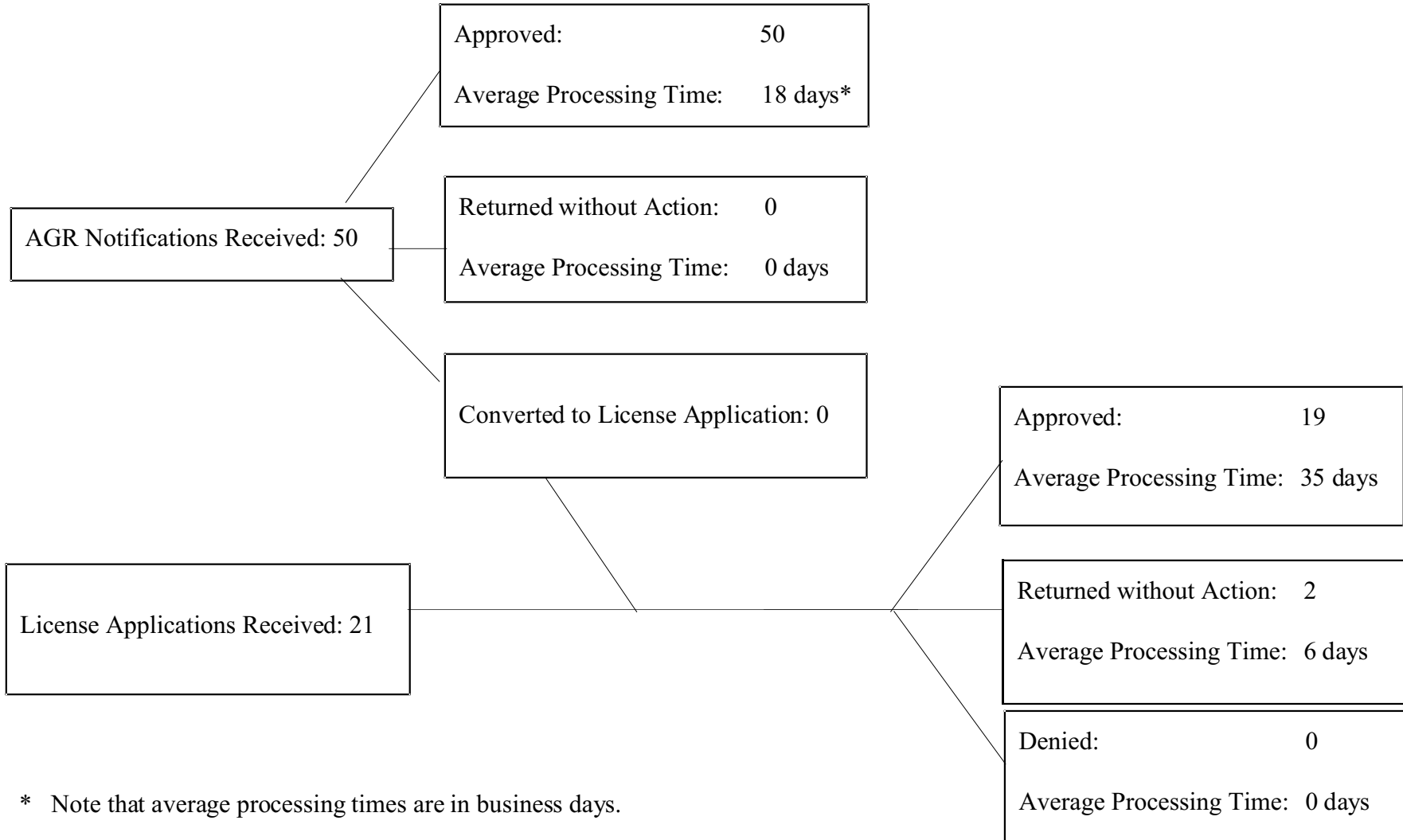
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Enclosure



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 2004



* Note that average processing times are in business days.