



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under Secretary for Industry and Security
Washington, D.C. 20230
October 10, 2002

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
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 relating to exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba for the most recent calendar quarter, July-September 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.

Sincerely,

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

Kenneth I. Juster

Enclosures



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906(a)(1) OF THE
TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2000**

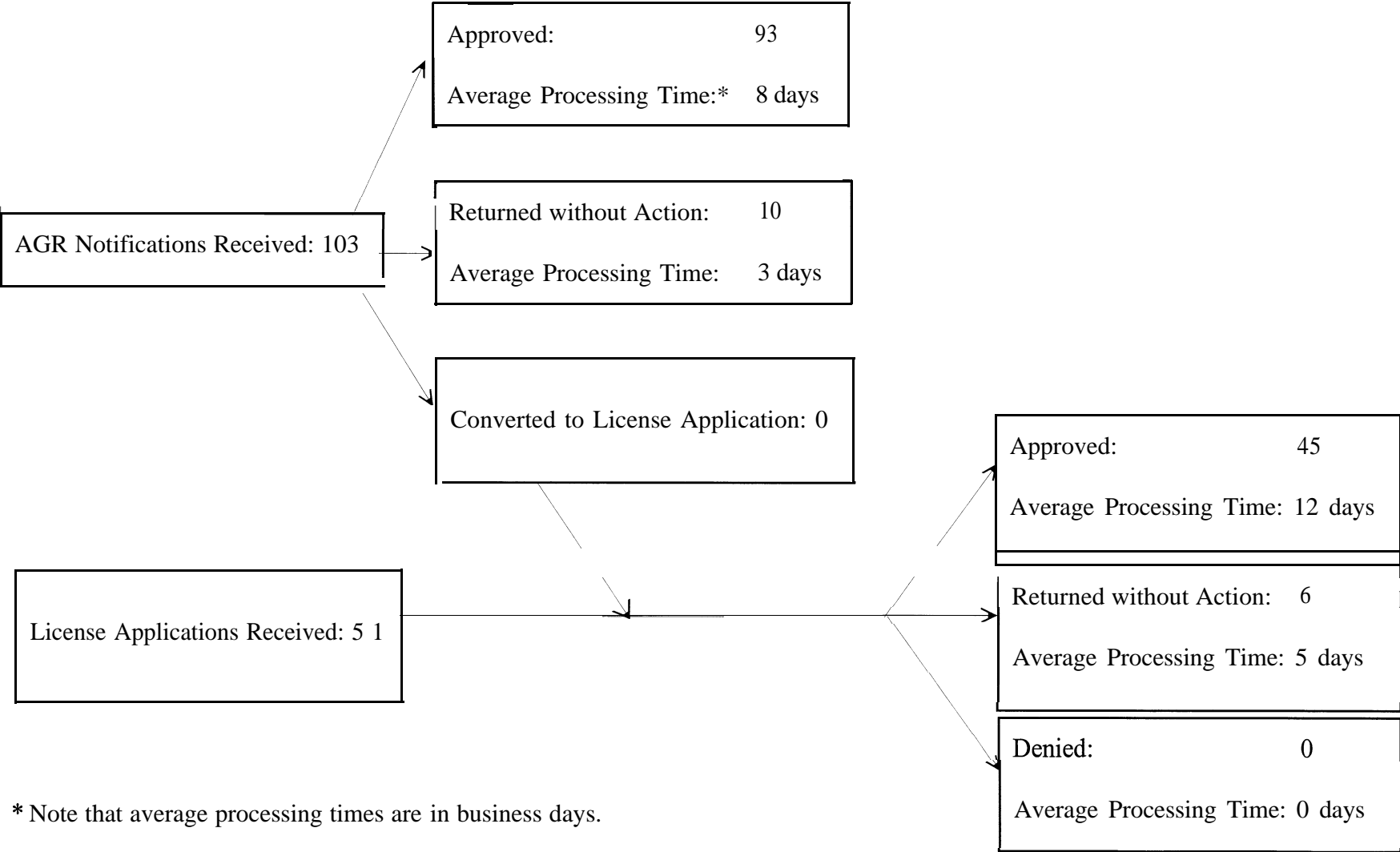
Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub. L. 106-387), enacted on October 28, 2000, requires that the appropriate federal government agency submit a quarterly report to the Congress regarding any activities undertaken pursuant to Section 906(a)(1) during the most recent calendar quarter. The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) within the Department of Commerce is submitting this report covering the Bureau's licensing activity relating to exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba for the most recent calendar quarter, July-September 2002.

For the reporting period, BIS received 103 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 93 were approved in an average of eight business days. The remaining notifications were returned without action in an average of three business days (eight because the products were not eligible for License Exception AGR). BIS also processed 51 export license applications to Cuba during the reporting period. Of these, 45 were approved in an average of 12 business days. Six were returned without action in an average of five business days because the applications duplicated License Exception AGR notification submissions. The increase in notifications and license applications for this reporting period was due to the U.S. Food Exhibition that took place in Havana on September 26-30, 2002. Trade show participants shipped a number of sample food products for use in the exhibition. A chart illustrating this information is attached.

Attachment

**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: July-September 2002



* Note that average processing times are in business days.