

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under Secretary for Industry and Security

Washington, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

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, January through March 2007, as required by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub.L. 106-387), as amended. This report is required by section 906(b) of TSRA.

For the reporting period, BIS received 58 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, 54 were approved in an average processing time of 10 days. Four notifications were not eligible for AGR and were converted into standard export license applications.

During this period, BIS also processed 21 standard export license applications for TSRA eligible commodities. Of these, nine were approved in an average processing time of 18 days and 12 were returned without action in an average processing time of five days. Of these cases, seven were returned to allow the applicants to resubmit AGR notifications thereby obtaining expedited processing, and five were returned for deficiencies in the applications. No applications in this category were denied during this reporting Period. 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(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000

Agricultural Commodities to Cuba January - March 2007

