



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

July 3, 2003

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 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, April-June 2003, 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 57 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 56 notifications were approved in an average of six business days. One notification was converted to a license application because the items were not eligible for License Exception AGR. This license application was denied because the products were not – for foreign policy reasons – eligible for sale to Cuba. Including this converted License Exception AGR notification, BIS processed 34 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. Of these, 33 were approved in an average of 11 business days. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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

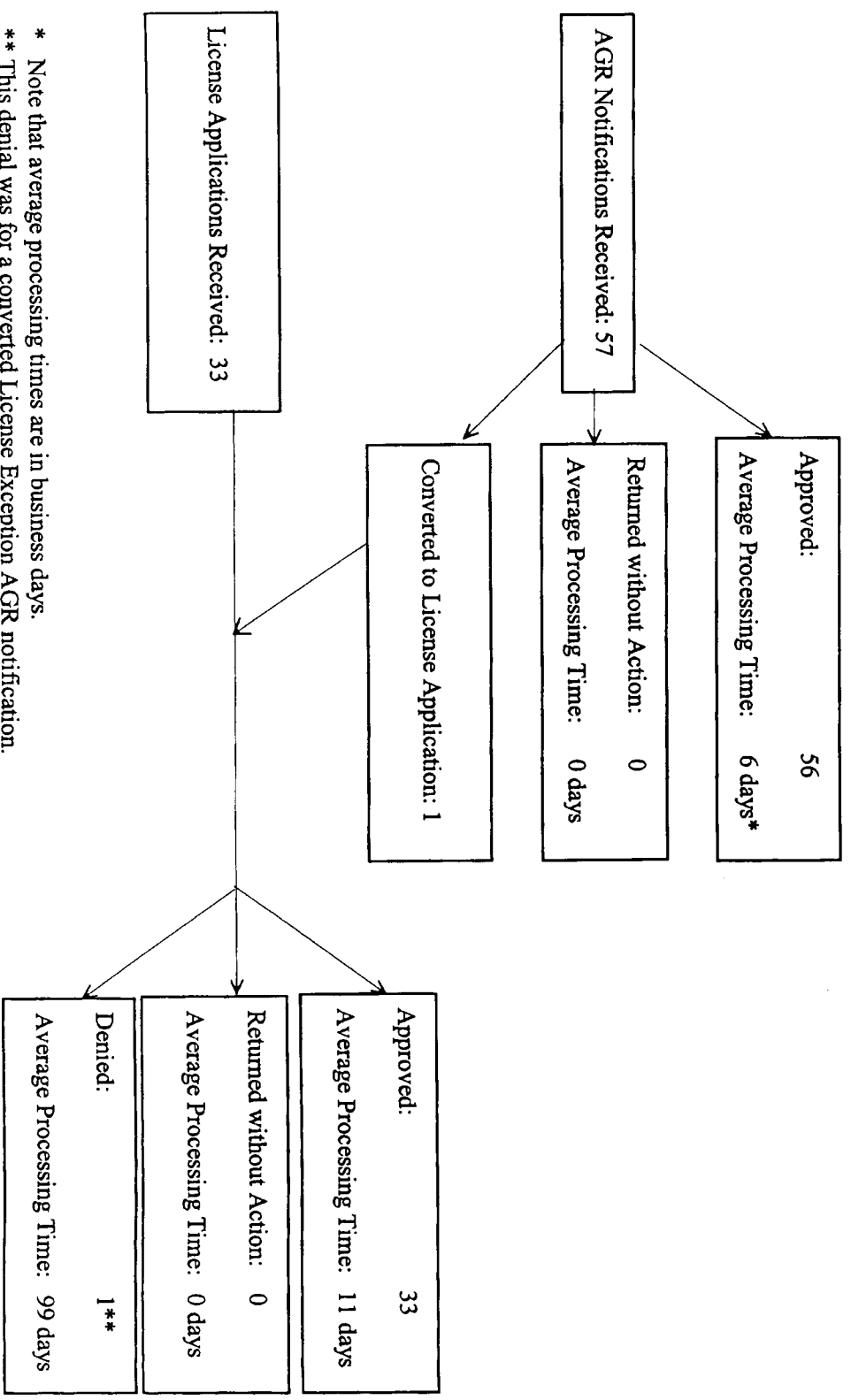
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Enclosure



**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: April-June 2003**



\* Note that average processing times are in business days.  
 \*\* This denial was for a converted License Exception AGR notification.