



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

October 20, 2003

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
Ranking Member, Committee on Banking,
Housing and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

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, July-September 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 37 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 36 notifications were approved in an average of eight business days. One notification was returned without action in eight business days, as the applicant was unable to provide sufficient information on the items proposed for export to determine their eligibility for export to Cuba. BIS also processed 19 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. These were approved in an average of 13 business days. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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

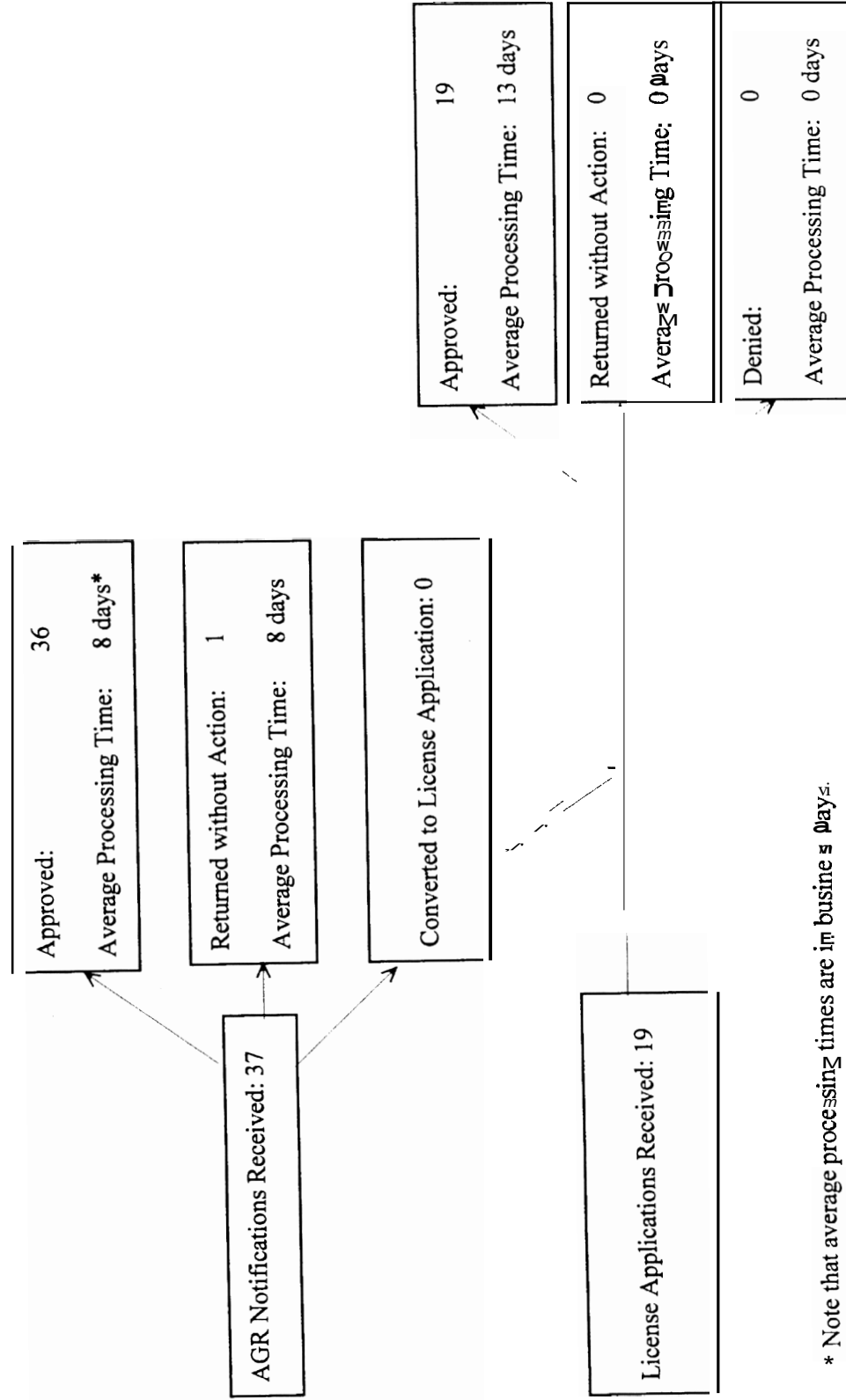
Kenneth I. Juster

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: July-September 2003



* Note that average processing times are in business days.