



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

October 15, 2008

The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd  
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 April through June 2008. Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub.L. 106-387), as amended, requires this report.

For the reporting period, BIS processed 25 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, we approved 23 in an average of 8 days. Two notifications were returned without action due to errors and technical deficiencies in an average of three days.

Additionally, during this period, BIS processed 17 standard export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, eight cases were approved in an average of 19 days. The remaining nine applications were returned without action in an average of six days. Six were returned to allow the applicants to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. Three applications were returned without action for errors and technical deficiencies. No applications in this category were rejected during the report period. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mario Mancuso".

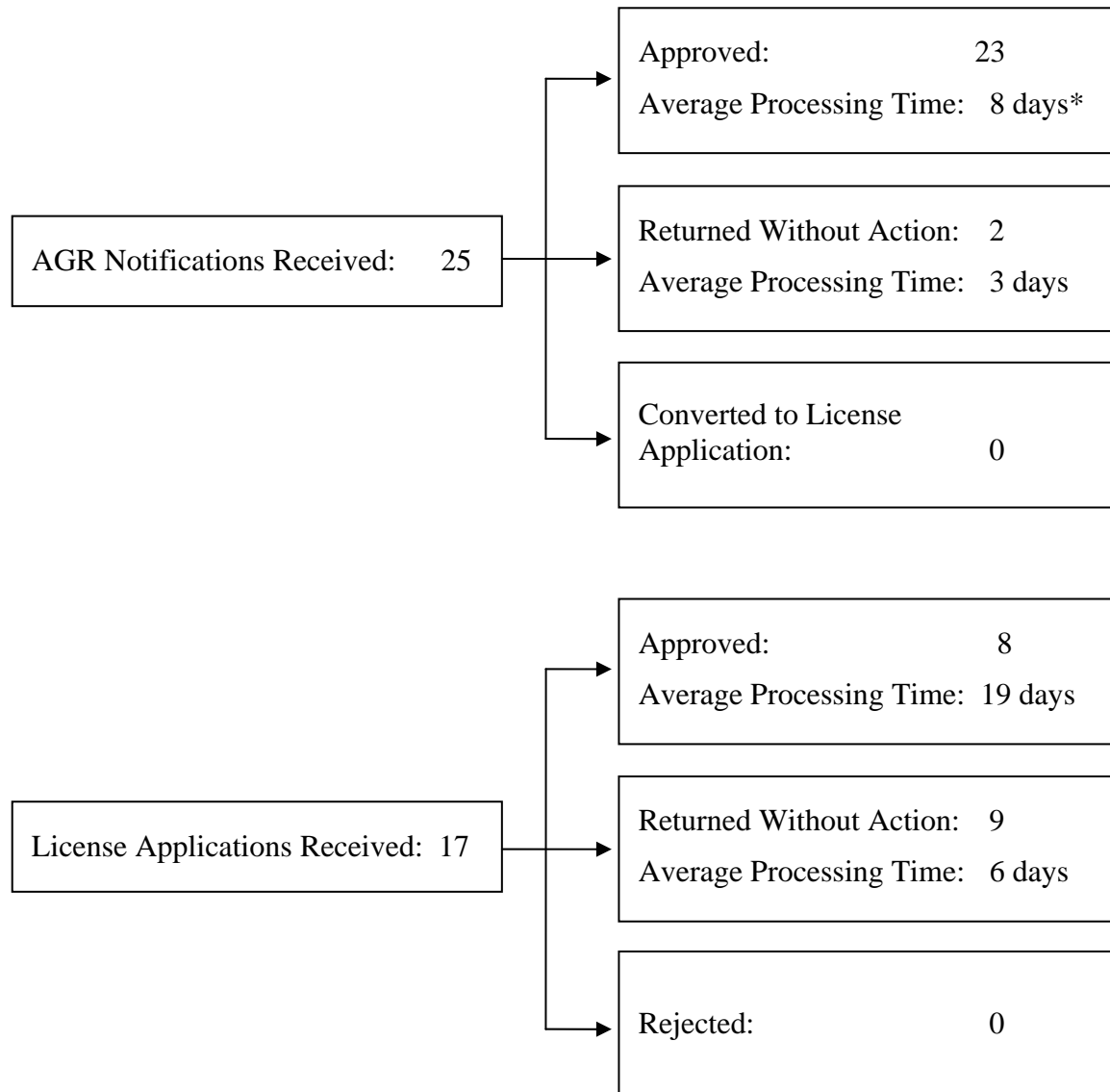
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Enclosure



**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  
April – June 2008



\*Calendar days