



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

April 15, 2004

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, January-March 2004, 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 60 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) that were approved in an average of 11 business days. BIS also processed 26 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during this reporting period. Of these, 25 were approved in an average of 25 business days. One license application was from a U.S. subsidiary in a third country that was making a food product that incorporated U.S. origin food. In consultation with the Department of State, BIS concluded that this transaction would not be consistent with U.S. law and policy toward Cuba, including certain provisions of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended. The application was returned after 28 days at the applicant's request. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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

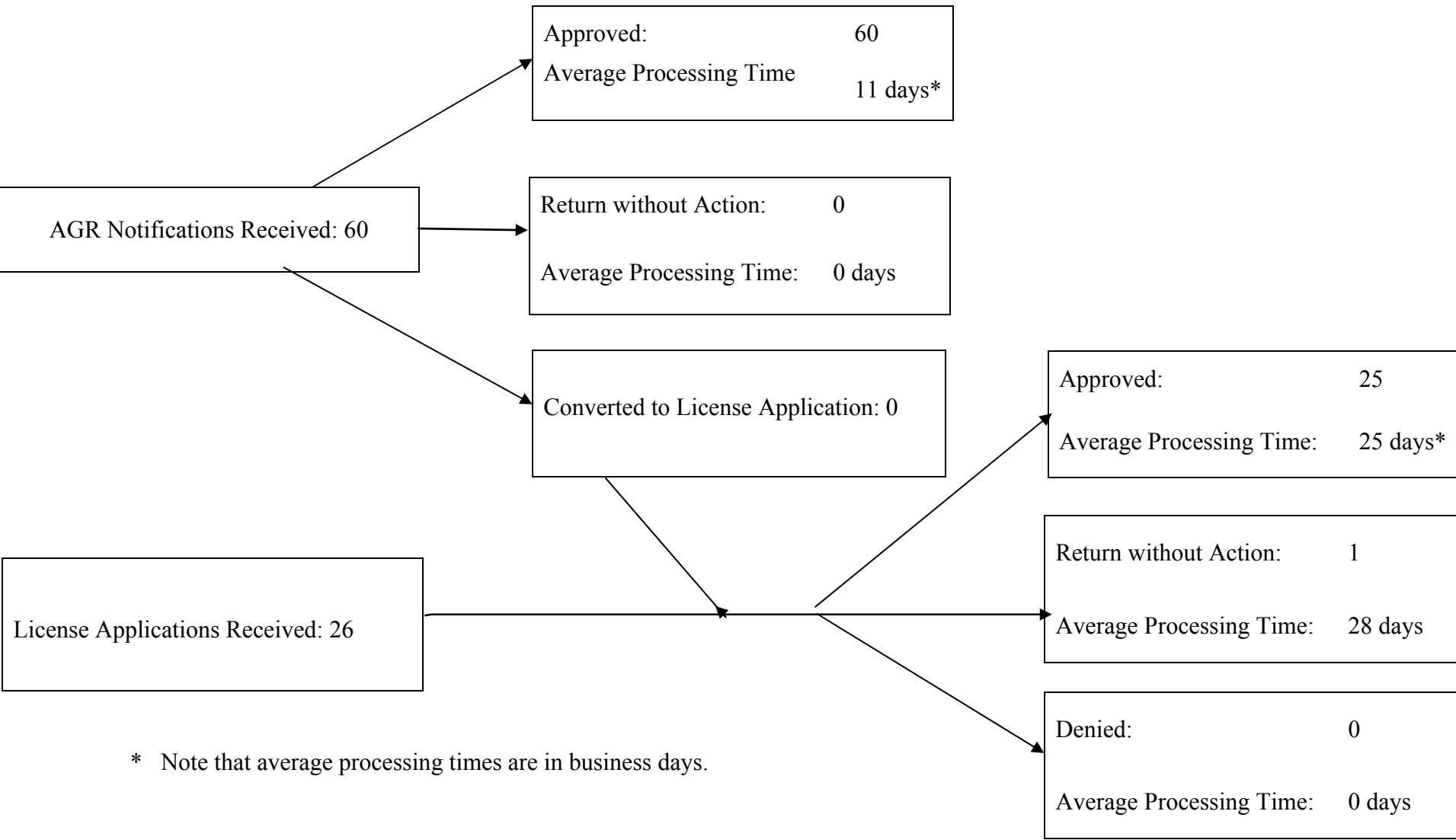
Kenneth I. Juster

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: October-December 2003**



\* Note that average processing times are in business days.