



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

March 13, 2006

The Honorable Evan Bayh
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on International
Trade and Finance
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

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, October - December 2005, 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 the Section 906(b) of TSRA.

For the reporting period, BIS received 75 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). All of these were approved, in an average processing time of 8 days. BIS also processed and approved 21 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period, in an average of 18 days, and returned 20 license applications without action, in an average of 4 days. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McCormick".

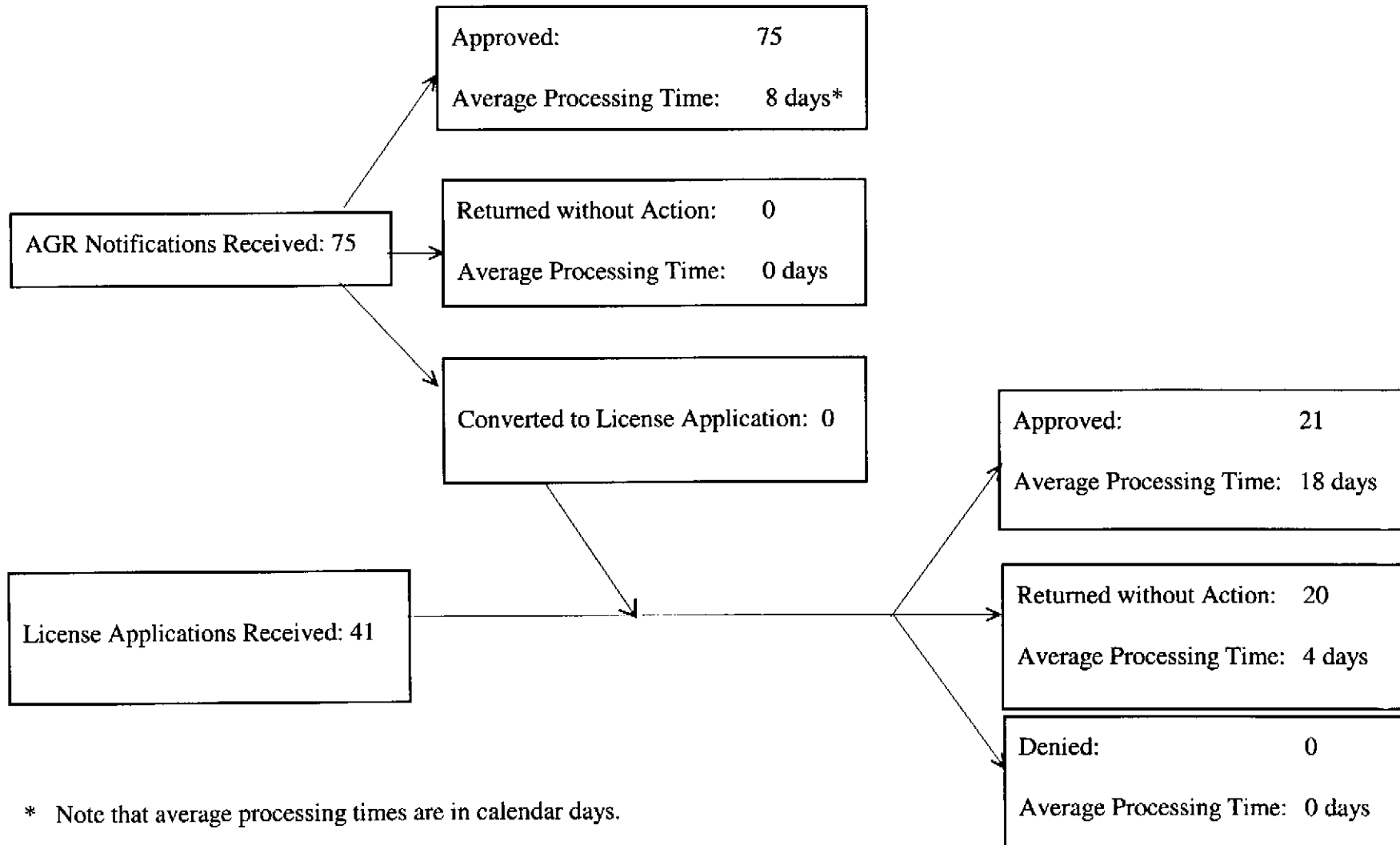
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Enclosure



**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: October - December 2005



* Note that average processing times are in calendar days.