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

The Honorable Tim Johnson
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 from July through September 2012. 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.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 20 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. Of these, we approved 19 notifications in an average of six days. In addition, we returned one notification without action in five days due to the ineligibility of the items under License Exception AGR.

Additionally, BIS processed eight standard export license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. BIS returned seven of these applications without action in an average of five days to allow the applicants to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. BIS approved one of these applications in 12 days. BIS did not deny any applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. Enclosed is a chart illustrating these licensing actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric L. Hirschhorn".

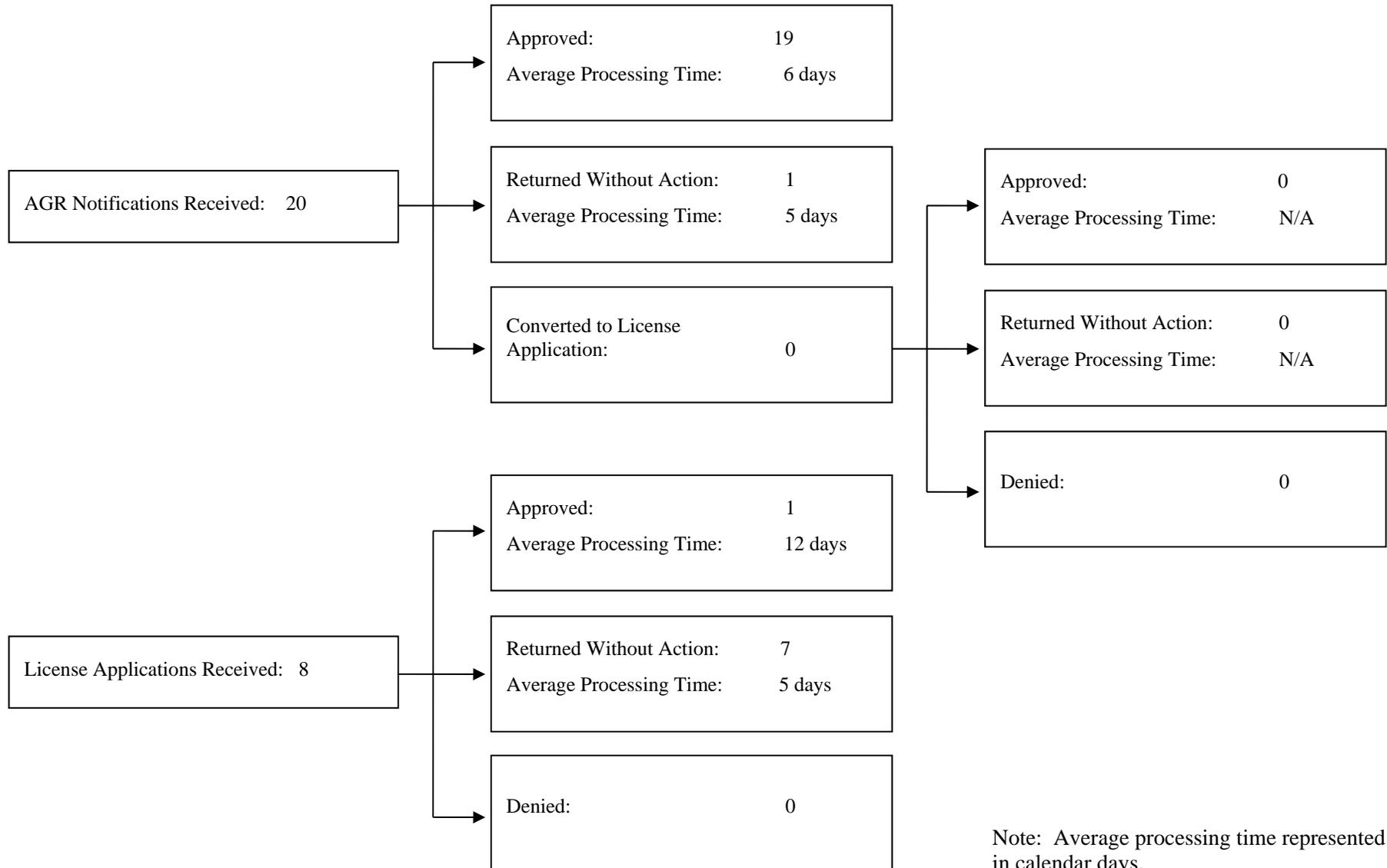
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Enclosure



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
July – September 2012



Note: Average processing time represented in calendar days.