



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

March 11, 2009

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 October through December 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 48 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, we approved 47 notifications in an average of 6 days. One notification was returned without action due to errors in 1 day.

Additionally, during this period, BIS processed 11 standard export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, 2 cases were approved in an average of 6 days. The remaining 9 applications were returned without action in an average of 3 days to allow the applicants to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications or to correct errors and deficiencies. No applications in this category were denied during the report period. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

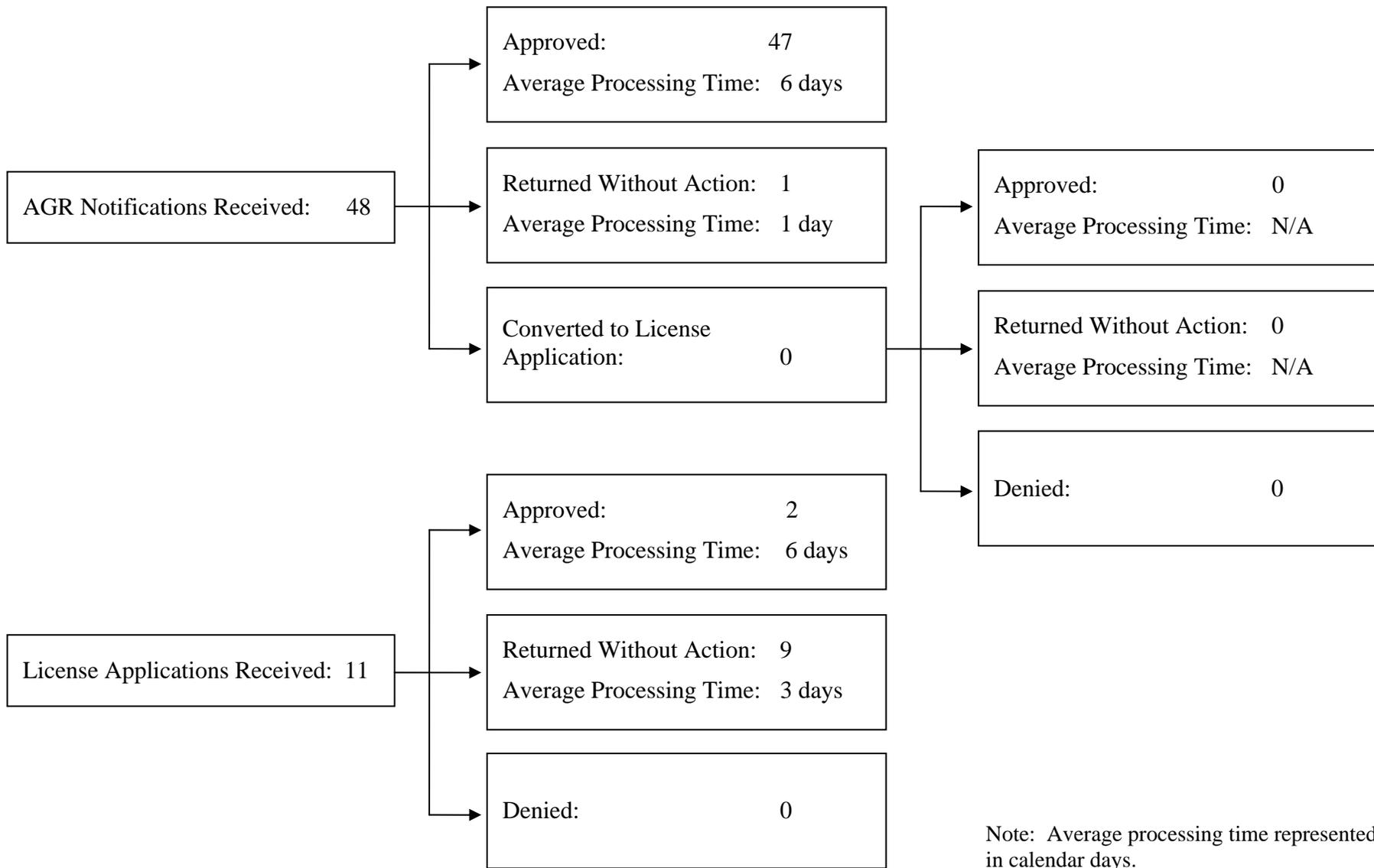
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Enclosure



**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
October – December 2008



Note: Average processing time represented in calendar days.