

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under Secretary for Industry and Security Washington, DC 20230

July 14, 2021

The Honorable David Scott Chairman, Committee on Agriculture U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Scott:

Section 906 of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA), codified at 22 USC §§ 7201-7211, requires the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to report to the Congress on certain activities undertaken by BIS relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from April 1 through June 30, 2021.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 17 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports and reexports to Cuba. BIS approved 16 notifications within an average of eleven days. One additional notification was returned without action within two days due to errors and deficiencies.

In addition to the aforementioned notifications, BIS approved three standard license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba within an average of 26 days. BIS also processed one additional license application for AGR-eligible commodities by returning it without action, at the request of the applicant, to be resubmitted as an AGR notification.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Feras Sleiman, Congressional Affairs Specialist, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security at <u>feras.sleiman@bis.doc.gov</u> or (202) 706-9793.

Sincerely,

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