

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

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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow Chairwoman, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow:

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 October 1 through December 31, 2021.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 29 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports and reexports to Cuba. BIS approved 26 notifications within an average of 13 days. Three additional notifications were returned without action within three days due to errors and deficiencies.

In addition to the aforementioned notifications, BIS approved one standard license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba in 42 days. BIS also processed one additional license application for AGR-eligible commodities by returning the application without action, at the request of the applicant, to be resubmitted as an AGR notification.

Should you have further questions, please contact Jeremy Horan, Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, at (202) 286-0146 or Jeremy. Horan@bis.doc.gov.

Sincerely,

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