



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

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Ranking Member, Subcommittee on National  
Security and International Trade and Finance  
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member:

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 and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from October 1 through December 31, 2016, as required by Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub. L. 106-387), as amended.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 25 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 23 notifications, on average within 10 days. BIS returned 2 notifications without action in four days, due to errors and deficiencies. BIS approved nine standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, on average within 16 days. The applicants chose to submit license applications after being advised of the products eligibility for License Exception AGR. BIS also returned without action four standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, on average within 16 days, for resubmission as AGR notifications. Notifications and applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities that are returned without action are routinely re-submitted and generally approved.

Sincerely yours,

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

Eric L. Hirschhorn

