



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

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The Honorable Michael Crapo  
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 and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from January 1 through March 31, 2017, 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 24 notifications, on average within 7 days. BIS returned 1 notification without action in one day, due to errors and deficiencies. BIS approved 7 standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, on average within 19 days. The applicants chose to submit license applications after being advised of the products eligibility for License Exception AGR. BIS also returned without action 1 standard export license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, within 3 days, for resubmission as an AGR notification. 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 black ink, appearing to read "D. Hill".

Daniel O. Hill  
Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security

