



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

The Honorable Tim Johnson
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 from October 1 through December 31, 2013. 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.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 16 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. Of these, we approved 16 notifications in an average of 11 days.

Additionally, BIS processed two standard export license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. BIS returned one license application without action within four days, for resubmission as an AGR notification, which was then approved. Although the second license application was AGR-eligible, the applicant requested that BIS process it as a standard export license application. The application was approved within 14 days. Enclosed is a chart illustrating these licensing actions.

Sincerely yours,

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

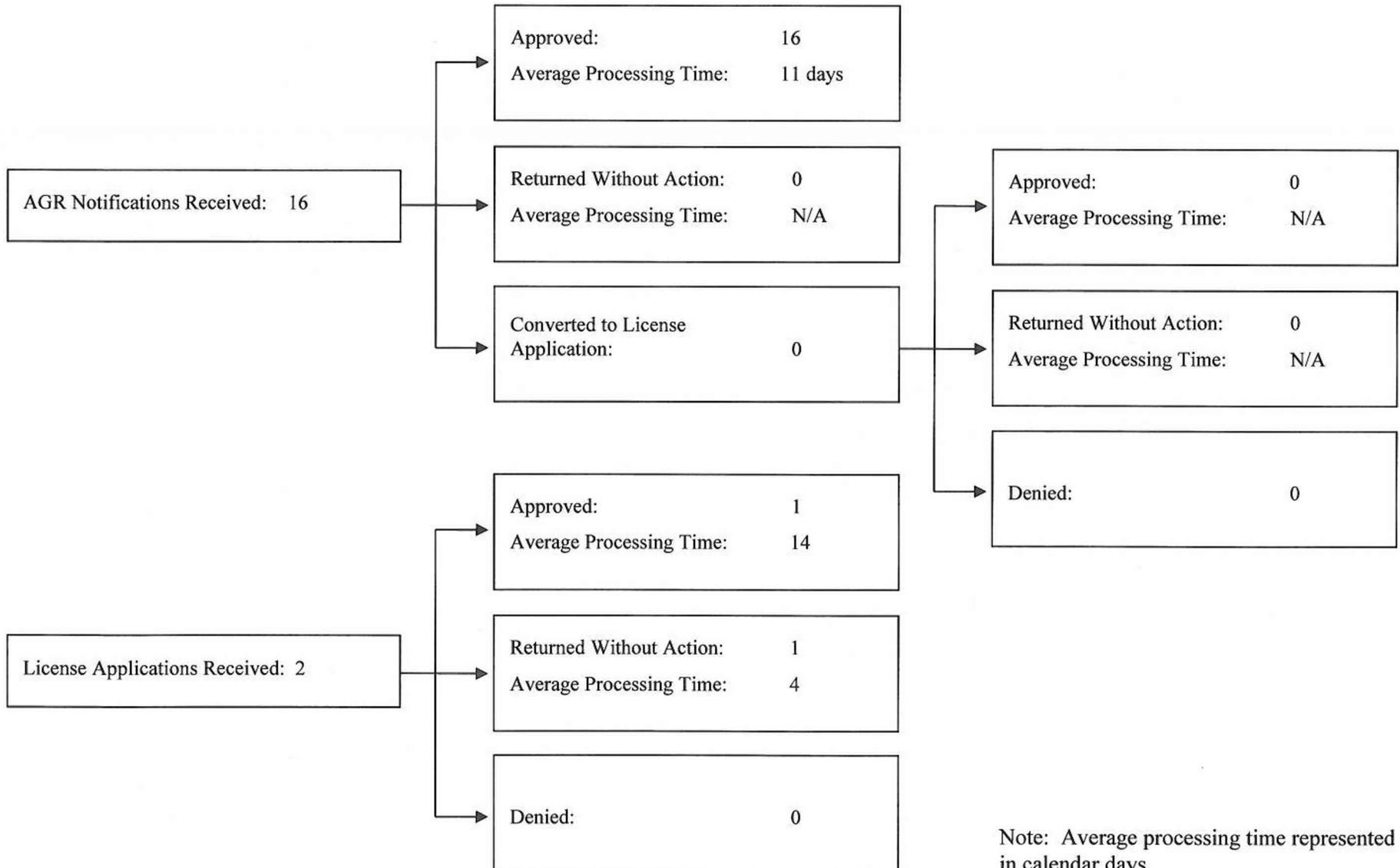
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Enclosure



**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 2013



Note: Average processing time represented in calendar days.