



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

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The Honorable Richard C. Shelby  
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 January 1 through March 31, 2015. 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 22 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. We approved 21 notifications in an average of sixteen days. We returned one without action in one day, due to errors and deficiencies. We processed 11 standard license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. We approved five standard license applications within an average of 44 days. We returned without action six standard export license applications in an average of four days for exports of AGR-eligible commodities, either for resubmission as an AGR notification or to address errors and deficiencies.

Sincerely yours,

Eric L. Hirschhorn

