



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 and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from January 1 through March 31, 2016. 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 29 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. We approved 24 notifications in an average of 9 days. We returned five without action in two days, due to errors and deficiencies. We processed five standard license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. We approved four standard license applications in 20 days. We returned without action one standard export license application in 17 days for exports of AGR-eligible commodities 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 "Eric L. Hirschhorn".

Eric L. Hirschhorn

