



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 Chairman Crapo:

Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub. L. 106-387), requires the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to report to the Congress on the export licensing actions taken by BIS relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from July 1 through September 30, 2017.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 19 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 17 notifications on average within 10 days. Two notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within one day. BIS returned without action one standard export license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within eight days for resubmission as an AGR notification. Notifications and applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities that are returned without action due to inaccurate information are often corrected, re-submitted and generally approved.

Please contact me at (202) 482-1455 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mira R. Ricardel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mira R. Ricardel
Under Secretary for Industry and Security

