



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 October 1 through December 31, 2017.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 23 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 22 notifications on average within eight days. One notification with errors and deficiencies was returned without action within one day. BIS returned without action three standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within eight days for resubmission as AGR notifications. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mira R. Ricardel".

Mira R. Ricardel  
Under Secretary for Industry and Security

