



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, 2018

During the reporting period, BIS processed 32 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 20 notifications on average within seven days. Twelve notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within two days. BIS approved one standard export license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, within 7 days. The applicant chose to submit a license application after being advised of the products eligibility for License Exception AGR. 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.

If you have any further questions, please have your staff contact Kimberly Ekmark, Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 482-9020.

Sincerely,

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