



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

August 20, 2018

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 April 1 through June 30, 2018.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 28 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 17 notifications on average within eight days. Eleven notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within one day. BIS approved one standard export license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, within 37 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Hill".

Daniel O. Hill, Acting

