



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

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

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 January 1 through March 31, 2018.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 29 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 26 notifications on average within nine days. Three notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within four days. BIS returned without action eight standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within five 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.

If you have any further questions, please have your staff contact Michael Platt, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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