



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

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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo
Chairman, Committee on
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Section 7205(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA), 22 USC §§ 7201-7211), 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, 2019.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 28 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 16 notifications on average within ten days. Twelve notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within two days.

BIS returned without action two standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within five days for resubmission as AGR notifications. One standard export license for food stores destined to a cruise ship was denied because the vessel sailed to Cuba, and remained in Cuban waters, without authorization. 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.

Should you have any further questions, please have your staff contact Lawson Kluttz, Associate Director for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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