



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

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The Honorable Collin C. Peterson
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Peterson:

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, 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 nine days. Eleven notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within three days.

BIS approved seven standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities, within 32 days. The applicants chose to submit a license application after being advised of the products' eligibility for License Exception AGR. BIS returned without action three standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within ten 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 Kimberly Ekmark, Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 482-9020.

Sincerely,

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performing the non-exclusive duties of the Under
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