



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 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, 2019.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 38 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 25 notifications on average within eleven days. Twelve notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within one day. One notification was denied within seven days.

BIS returned without action six standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within four 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.

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

Sincerely,

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