



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

November 15, 2019

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman, Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 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 July 1 through September 30, 2019.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 29 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. BIS approved 18 notifications on average within nine days. Eleven notifications with errors and deficiencies were returned without action within two days.

BIS approved one standard export license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within 34 days. BIS returned without action two standard export license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities within two 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, resubmitted, and generally approved.

Should you have any further questions, please have your staff contact Anthony Foti, Performing the Delegated Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Ross