



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

January 17, 2020

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 October 1 through December 31, 2019.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 21 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports and reexports to Cuba. BIS approved 11 notifications within an average of ten days. One notification was denied in 18 days and converted into a standard license application for further processing because it involved a cellular phone, not an agricultural commodity. Nine additional notifications were returned without action within an average of one day due to errors and deficiencies.

In addition to the aforementioned notifications, BIS returned without action three standard license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba within an average of eight days for resubmission as AGR notifications. Notifications and applications for the export or reexport 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 Anthony Foti, Performing the Delegated Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cordell A. Hull".

Cordell A. Hull,  
Acting Under Secretary  
for Industry and Security

