



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under Secretary for Industry and Security
Washington, DC 20230

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Section 906 of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA), codified at 22 U.S.C. §§ 7201-7211, requires the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to report to the Congress on certain activities undertaken by BIS relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from January 1 through March 31, 2020.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 27 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports and reexports to Cuba. BIS approved 19 notifications within an average of nine days. Eight additional notifications were returned without action within an average of one day due to errors and deficiencies.

In addition to the aforementioned notifications, BIS approved one standard license application for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba within 21 days. At the request of the applicants, BIS returned without action two standard license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba within an average of six 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 contact Michael Cys, Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs for the Bureau of Industry and Security, at (202) 482-1069.

Sincerely,

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