



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

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The Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman, Committee on
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby report to the Congress the export licensing actions taken by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) relating to exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from January 1 through March 31, 2013. Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub. L. 106-387), as amended, requires this report.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 40 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. Of these, we approved 37 notifications in an average of 10 days. We returned three notifications without action in an average of six days due to errors made by the submitter in the notifications.

Additionally, BIS processed six standard export license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. BIS returned five of these applications without action in an average of five days to allow the applicants to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. BIS approved one of these applications within eight days as a license rather than an AGR notification, at the request of the applicant, for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. Enclosed is a chart illustrating these licensing actions.

Sincerely yours,

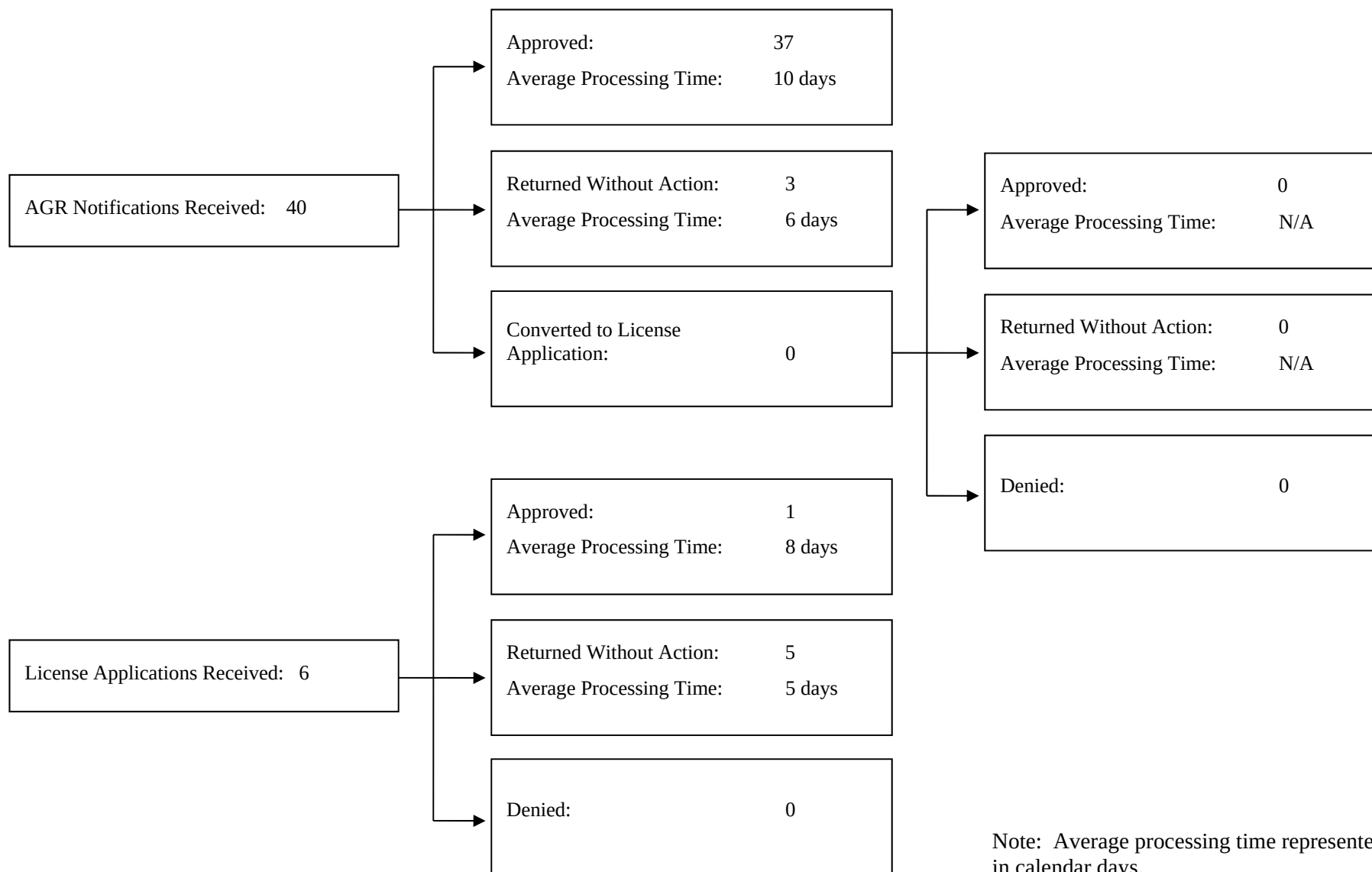
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Enclosure



Quarterly Report to the Congress on Activities Undertaken by the Department of Commerce Pursuant to Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000

**Agricultural Commodities to Cuba
January – March 2013**



Note: Average processing time represented in calendar days.