



**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 July 1 through September 30, 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 16 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. Of these, we approved 15 notifications in an average of 13 days. We converted one notification into a standard export license application because it was for the export of medicines, which are not eligible for License Exception AGR. That converted notification was processed in 22 days.

Additionally, BIS processed and approved one standard export license application for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. Although AGR-eligible, the applicant requested that BIS process it as a standard export license application, which took 15 days to complete. Enclosed is a chart illustrating these licensing actions.

Sincerely yours,

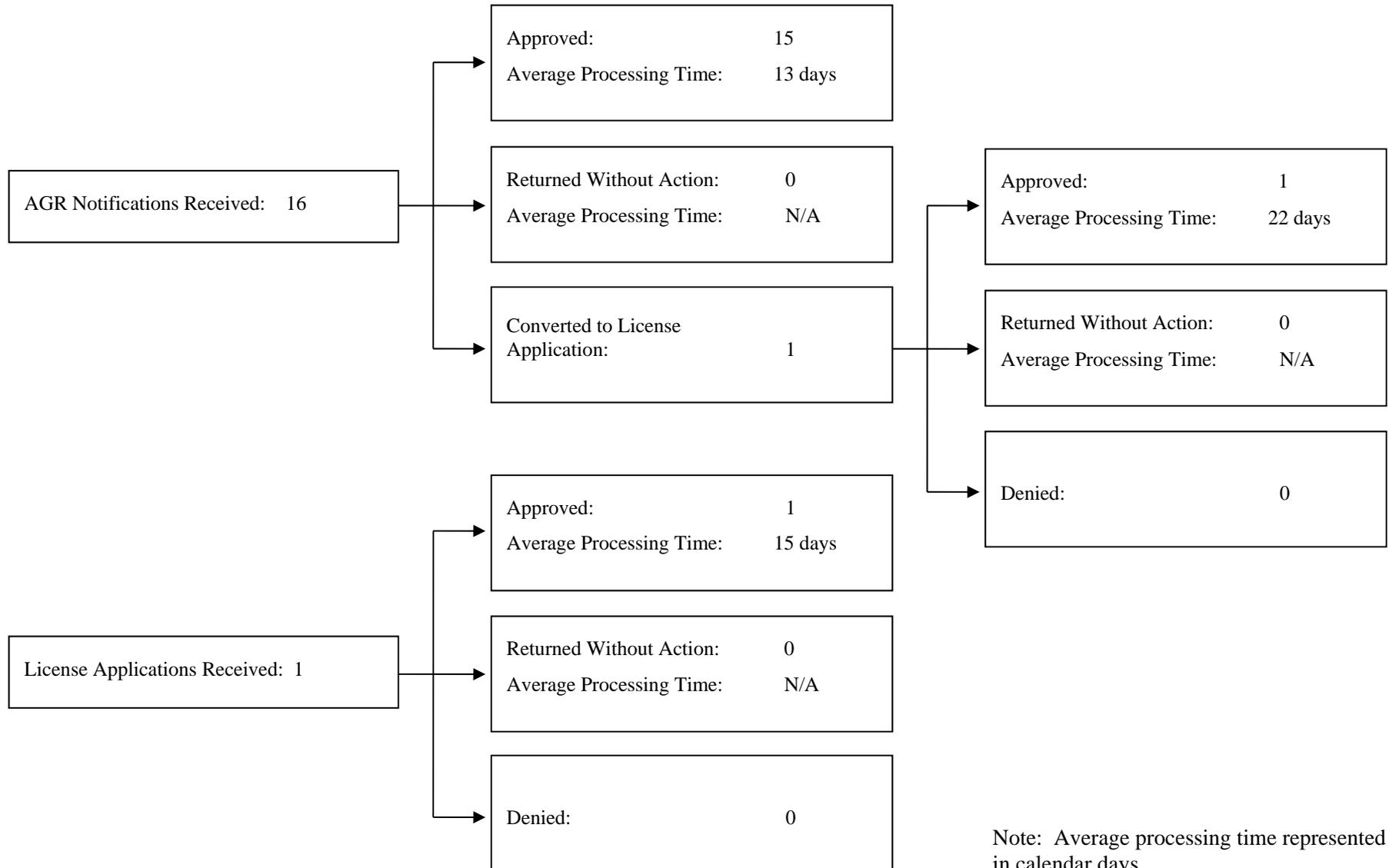
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Enclosure



**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  
July – September 2013



Note: Average processing time represented in calendar days.