



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 October through December 2011. 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 35 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. Of these, we approved 32 notifications in an average of seven days. In addition, we returned two notifications without action in an average of four days due to errors made in the notifications by the submitters. We also converted one notification into an export license application and then returned it without action seven days after receipt due to errors.

Additionally, BIS processed seven standard export license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. BIS approved two of the applications in an average of 18 days. The remaining five applications were returned without action in an average of seven days to allow the applicants to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. BIS did not deny any applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. Enclosed is a chart illustrating these licensing actions.

Sincerely yours,^

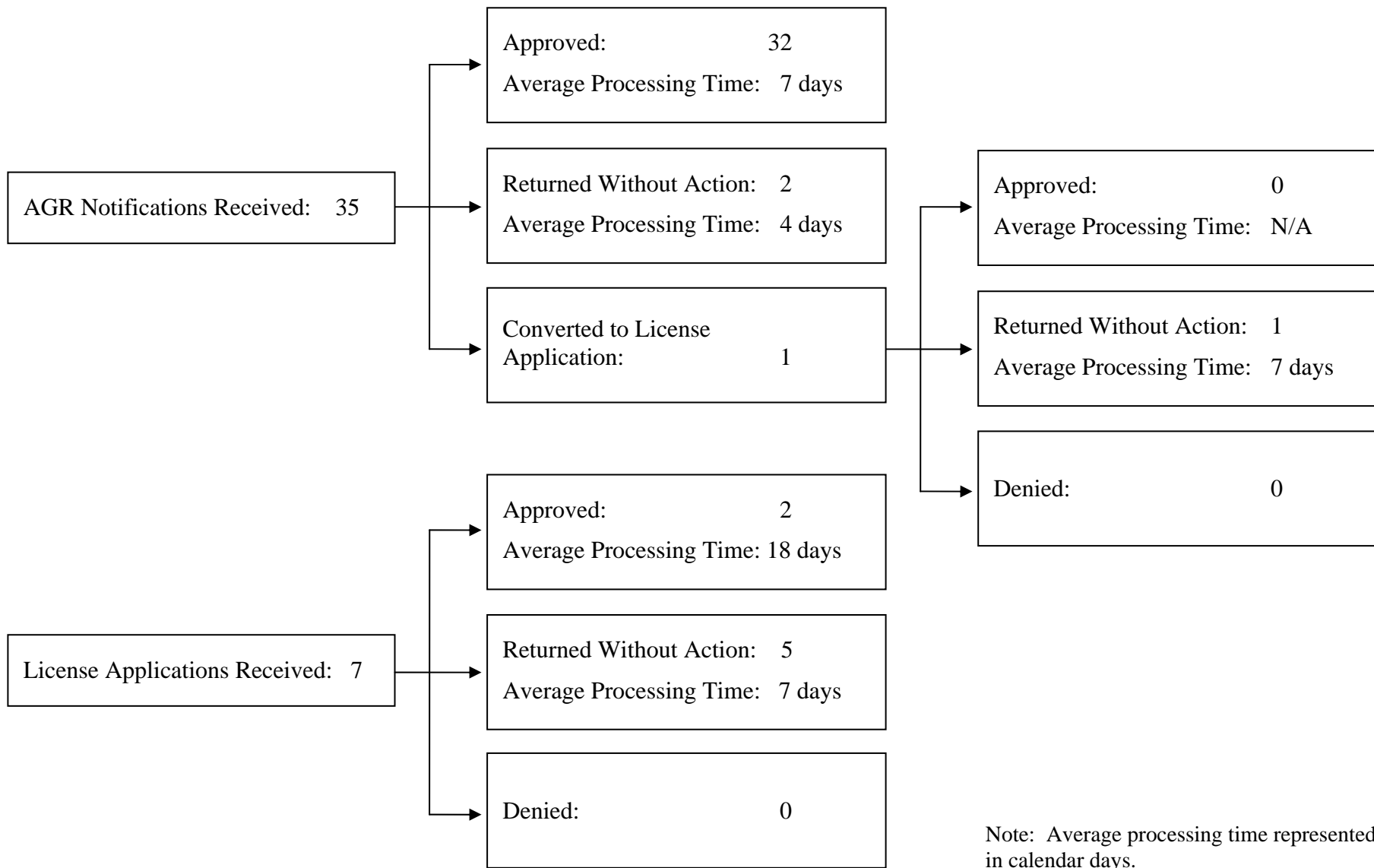
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Enclosure



**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
October – December 2011



Note: Average processing time represented in calendar days.