



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

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The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
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 for July through September 2008. 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.

For the reporting period, BIS processed 40 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for Cuba. Of these, we approved 38 in an average of five days. Two notifications were returned without action due to errors and technical deficiencies in an average of four days.

Additionally, during this period, BIS processed nine standard export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities. Of these, three cases were approved in an average of 12 days. The remaining six applications were returned without action in an average of three days to allow the applicants to resubmit the applications as AGR notifications. No applications in this category were rejected during the report period. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Mario Mancuso

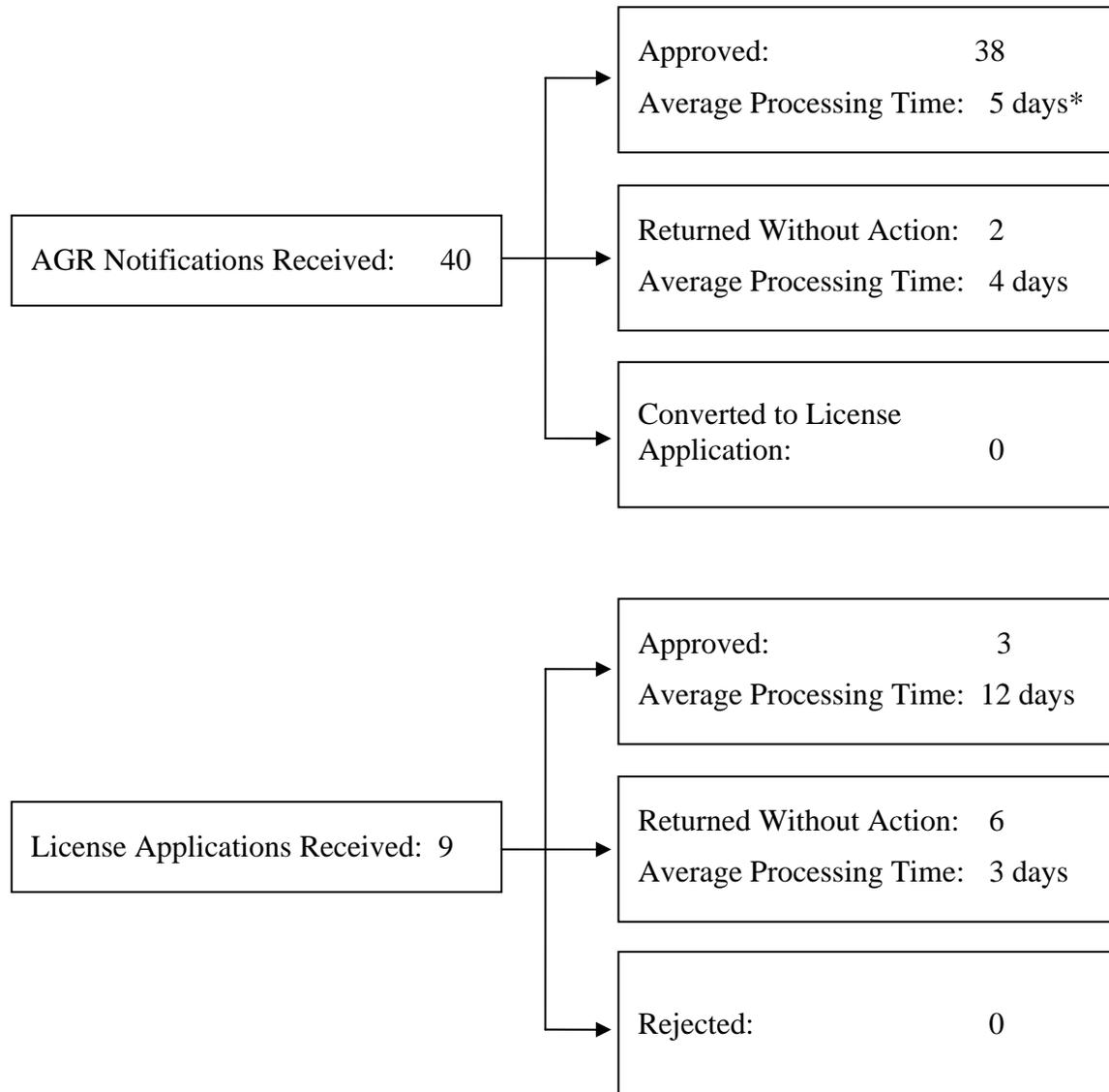
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Agricultural Commodities to Cuba
July – September 2008



*Calendar days