



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

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The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
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 and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from April 1 through June 30, 2015. 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 18 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports to Cuba. We approved 11 notifications in an average of eleven days. We returned seven without action in two days, due to errors and deficiencies. We processed 14 standard license applications for exports of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period. We approved nine standard license applications within an average of 22 days. We returned without action five standard export license applications in an average of two days for exports of AGR-eligible commodities, either for resubmission as an AGR notification or to address errors and deficiencies. Notifications and applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities that are returned without action are routinely re-submitted and generally approved.

Sincerely yours,

Eric L. Hirschhorn

