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**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Malting Barley Endorsement – Quality Adjustment Samples for the 2016 Crop  
Year

**BACKGROUND:**

The Malting Barley Endorsement (MBE) is a private product submitted under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act and was implemented beginning with the 2016 crop year. Section 8(c)(4) of the MBE specifies that all samples of farm-stored production used to determine eligibility for quality adjustment must be obtained no later than 30 days after the end of the insurance period. However, the MBE Insurance Standards Handbook provides a deadline of up to 60 days, which is consistent with the 2015 and prior crop year's timeframe for obtaining samples for quality adjustment. The intent of the MBE, which was developed by the product owners and stakeholders, was not to change this deadline in the new product submission since doing so would be burdensome to Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs), producers and malting barley buyers, and inconsistent with other commodities, such as wheat, used to determine insurable quality which may be obtained up to 60 days after the end of insurance period.

**ACTION:**

For the 2016 crop year, AIPs may permit samples of farm-stored production used to determine eligibility for quality adjustment to be obtained no later than 60 days after the end of the insurance period consistent with the MBE Insurance Standards Handbook. A revision to modify the current 30-day requirement in the MBE will be made for the 2017 crop year.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2016.