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Farm Production and Conservation

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

Risk Management Agency

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SUBJECT: Arbitration Filing Process

BACKGROUND:

On October 4, 2012, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) issued MGR-12-003.1 regarding the Arbitration Filing Process for Section 20(a) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions.

Since issuance of MGR-12-003.1, various new crop insurance programs have been implemented such as Whole Farm Revenue Protection, and Pasture, Rangeland, Forage. Questions have been raised regarding whether MGR-12-003.1 applies to these new insurance programs.

ACTION:

Accordingly, henceforward MGR-12-003.1 now applies to any new or existing policies that contain a Mediation, Arbitration, Appeal, Reconsideration, and Administrative and Judicial Review section that is substantially similar to the Section 20(a) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions.

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