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Risk
Management
Agency

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

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SUBJECT: Sanctions Amendment

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed a new amendment (09-Sanctions) on the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2009policy.html>, reflecting regulatory changes made in a Final Rule published in the Federal Register effective January 20, 2009. The Sanctions Amendment modifies the provisions of the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions, Crop Revenue Coverage Insurance Policy Basic Provisions, Revenue Assurance Insurance Policy Basic Provisions, Group Risk Plan of Insurance Basic Provisions, and the Group Risk Income Protection Plan of Insurance Basic Provisions. The Sanctions Amendment is effective for 2009 crop year raisins in California and for the 2010 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a 2010 contract change date on or after January 31, 2009, and for the 2011 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a 2010 contract change date prior to January 31, 2009.

The amendment is in compliance with the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) strengthening FCIC's ability to combat fraud, waste and abuse by establishing a strong system of administrative actions that are now applicable to all participants in the Federal crop insurance program.

Insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the applicable cancellation date.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting/updating information and the disposal date is December 31, 2009.



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