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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Pacific Northwest Reinsured Companies

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Director

SUBJECT: Extension of Perennial Crop Inspection Deadlines for all Category C

Crops - Idaho, Oregon and Washington

Required pre-acceptance field inspections with applicable deadlines have been granted a 60 day deadline extension.

The Crop Insurance Handbook FCIC 18010 (CIH) in Sections 7F (1) & (2) specify the applicable situations where Insurance Providers must perform pre-acceptance field inspections. Further, Section F (5) specifies timeframes for inspections and deadlines for the inspector / Insurance Provider to complete pre-acceptance field inspections and situations where the RMA RO may grant an extension of deadlines.

Due to requests from AIP's regarding conditions affecting the ability to conduct pre-acceptance field inspections this office has approved an extension of the deadline.

The final date for receiving inspection reports will be no later than March 16, 2010 (60 calendar days after the production reporting date) for all category C crops in accordance with Section 7 F (5) (b) of the CIH.

Supporting records/documentation initially received after the applicable date specified above will be considered un-acceptable. An RMA Regional Office approved APH yield will not be issued unless assigned yield provisions are applicable.