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Risk Management Agency INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: 30 Day Extension of Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection

Report (PAIR) Deadlines for all Category C Crops – Idaho,

Oregon and Washington

This office has received requests from Approved Insurance Providers to extend the standard 30 day timeline for submitting inspection reports due to a high volume of policies requiring a PAIR. The extension is approved.

The 2014 Crop Insurance Handbook FCIC 18010 (CIH) specifies the applicable situations where a PAIR is required in Paragraph 1538. Furthermore, Paragraph 1540 specifies deadlines for the Insurance Provider to complete the PAIR and situations where the RMA RO may grant an extension to the deadline.

The final date for receiving inspection reports will be no later than March 17, 2014 (next business day from 60 calendar days after the production reporting date) for all category C crops in accordance with Para. 1540.

Supporting records/documentation initially received after the applicable date specified above will not be accepted, unless the request results in a lower APH yield in accordance with the 'Exception' noted in Para. 1540 [see also, Para. 2002 A. (3) (c)] of the CIH.