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## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Pacific Northwest Approved Insurance Providers

Foreign Agricultural Services

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Risk Management

Agency

30 Day Extension of Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR)

Deadlines for all Category C Crops – Idaho, Oregon and Washington

Spokane Washington Regional Office

The Spokane Washington Regional office has recently received a number of requests from Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) to extend the standard 30 day timeline for submitting Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports (PAIRs). Due to the high volume of policies requiring a PAIR, the extension requests are approved.

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The 2015 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 AIP to complete the PAIR and situations where the RMA RO may grant an extension to the deadline.

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Therefore, the final date for receiving PAIRs (and any subsequent RO Determined Yield requests) will be no later than March 17, 2015 (next business day from 60 calendar days after the production reporting date) for all Category C crops in accordance with Paragraph 1540.

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