

United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Risk Management Agency

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Phyllis W. Honor /s/ Phyllis W. Honor 01/25/02

Acting Administrator

SUBJECT: Mail Delay

On January 17, 2002, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced on our RMA web page that, "All incoming first-class mail to RMA received between October 1 and November 14, 2001, beginning with zip codes 202-205 has been destroyed due to possible anthrax contamination. If you sent us first-class mail during that time, please resend it. Time-sensitive mail should be sent using other mail delivery services or by fax or e-mail. First-class mail is being delayed a month or more because it must be irradiated off-site."

I am sending this Informational Memorandum today to let you know that any time-sensitive correspondence addressed to the RMA Administrator's Office can also be faxed to 202-690-2818 to ensure that I am timely made aware of any concerns you may have. I became aware of the impact of the mail delay on January 23, 2002, when we received a first-class letter dated December 5, 2001, on a subject of importance to a reinsured company. I regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused you and I thank you.

