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Management

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Risk Management Field Offices

All other Interested Parties

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for Insurance Services

SUBJECT: Modified 2005 APH Tolerance Reviews

Due to the favorable growing conditions throughout much of the U.S. in 2004, many policyholders have reported yields for 2005 that will trigger a mandatory Actual Production History (APH) tolerance review under Appendix IV of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement.

Several companies have indicated that the numbers of reviews to be performed are excessive and requested some form of relief for this year. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has reviewed the accessible data for the 2005 crop year and has determined that some relief is warranted under these circumstances. Accordingly, for the 2005 reinsurance year (RY) only the following criteria will apply:

Approved Insurance Providers must review a minimum of 10 percent of crop insurance units (including required CIH Excessive and Maximum Yield reviews) meeting the criterion in Appendix IV.

For those crops and states listed below the Company must review a minimum of the lesser of: 1) the number of tolerance reviews conducted by the Company in RY 2004 for the crop and state; or 2) 10% of the crop insurance units (including required CIH Excessive and Maximum Yield reviews) meeting the criterion in Appendix IV.

Corn – IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MN, MO, NE, NC, PA, SD, TN, TX, and VA Cotton – AR, MO, NC, OK, SC, and TX Dry Peas - ND Flax - ND Grain Sorghum – KS, NE, OK, and TX Soybeans – AL, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, MD, MO, NE, NC, OH, PA, SC, SD, TX, and VA

