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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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SUBJECT: Triple and Quadruple Plantings

BACKGROUND:

Section 508A(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) states:

Except in the case of double cropping described in subsection (d), if a producer elects to plant a crop (other than a replanted crop) subsequent to a second crop on the same acreage as the first crop and second crop for harvest in the same crop year, the producer shall not be eligible for insurance under this title, or noninsured crop assistance under section 196 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7333), for the subsequent crop.

The preamble to the policy published at 7 C.F.R. § 457.8 states “All provisions of the policy and rights and responsibilities of the parties are specifically subject to the Act.”

There is nothing in the policy that states that third or fourth crops planted on the same acreage in the same crop year are insurable. The policy only addresses the insurability in double cropping situations. The policy is silent with respect to third and fourth crops planted on the acreage. Therefore, unlike the reductions in indemnity and premium paid when a producer plants a second crop, there is no conflict with any existing provision in the policy. Since the terms of insurance, including insurability, are subject to the Act, section 508A(e) of the Act was effective for all crops with a contract change date after June 20, 2000.



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ACTION:

The Risk Management Agency is issuing this Bulletin to remind all reinsured companies that the language contained in section 508A(e) of the Act addressing the uninsurability of third and fourth crops planted on the same acreage for harvest in the same year is applicable for the 2002 crop year.

DISPOSAL:

This bulletin is for transmitting/updating program information and the expiration date is December 31, 2003.