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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-99-054.1

TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ Roberta E. Waggoner
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Expansion of the Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance Program

BACKGROUND:

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 3194) recently passed by Congress for Fiscal Year 2000 authorizes the expansion of the Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance Program effective for the 2000 crop year. This includes the counties of Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Lucie, and Volusia.

Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC) coverage is available in the 2000 crop year program expansion counties. To qualify for ACC coverage, the policy requires an ACC Underwriting Certification by Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry (DPI) in any county with an ACC quarantine zone established by either the DPI or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS). Applicants for tree crop insurance must obtain an acceptable ACC Underwriting Certification from DPI to be eligible for ACC coverage. Applicants who fail to submit an acceptable certification form will still be eligible for coverage against other perils listed in the policy.

ACTION:

Effective when H.R. 3194 is signed by the President, the following will apply.

1. A DPI and/or APHIS ACC quarantine zone has been designated in Broward, Collier, Hendry, and Manatee Counties. An acceptable ACC Underwriting Certification is



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required for all citrus species that are to be insured. **The complete list of counties with an ACC quarantine zone includes Broward, Collier, Dade, Hendry, and Manatee Counties.** ACC Underwriting Certifications are not required at this time in the other expansion pilot counties.

2. ACC Underwriting Certification inspections may be obtained by sending a request to DPI at:

Dade and Broward Counties

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Jim McKee
6901 Sunrise Blvd.
Plantation, Florida 33313
Phone: (954) 797-6909
Fax: (954) 797-6950

Hendry and Collier Counties

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Jack Nietzke
424 E. Market Road, Unit #10
Immokalee, Florida 34142
Phone: (941) 658-3684
Fax: (941) 658-3692

Manatee County

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Ray Seitler
1003 17th Street, W.
Palmetto, Florida 34221
Phone: (941) 721-6622
Fax: (941) 721-6636

3. Informational Memorandum R&D-99-054 with the ACC Underwriting Certification Guidelines and applicable forms is available on the RMA website at:

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/news/managers/r-and-d/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike O’Connell, Acting Director, Research and Evaluation Division (816) 926-6343.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum will remain active until incorporated into the Underwriting Certification Guidelines for Insuring Citrus Trees Against Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC). The disposal date is December 31, 2001.