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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

FROM: Kenneth D. Ackerman /s/ Tim B. Witt for
Administrator

SUBJECT: Draft 2001 Manual-13, Data Acceptance System (DAS) Handbook

As recommended at the Information Technology Managers Meeting in May, the Draft 2001 Manual 13, Data Acceptance System and Reinsurance Accounting System Handbook, has been placed on the Risk Management Agency website for industry review and comment. The 2001 Handbook is maintained electronically via the Risk Management Agency's (RMA) Home Page. The website address is: <http://www.act.fcic.usda.gov/data/> under the Data Acceptance System (M-13) Handbook directory.

Some of the proposed modifications to the 2001 M-13 include increases in field sizes, record length, and a new fund designation record. Price election percent and coverage level will be required to be reported earlier. Agent and Loss Adjuster Social Security Numbers will be reported on policy records instead of company issued identification numbers.

Companies may direct their questions or comments to Denise Hoffmann, Director of Actuarial Division, Denise.Hoffmann@rm.fcic.usda.gov, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133 by June 23, 2000. For questions regarding content of the handbook, please contact Seavey Anthony, Chief, Program Automation Branch, at (816) 926-3865. Questions on downloading files should be directed to Trish Blegen at (816) 926-3883.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2000.



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