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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-03-033

TO: All Reinsured Companies
    All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ Tim B. Witt
      Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance Updated Listing of Counties with Established
         Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC) Quarantine Zones

BACKGROUND:

Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC) is an insurable cause of loss for the Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance program. The policy provisions state that if a quarantine zone has been established in a county by either the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry (DPI) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), then applicants for insurance and carryover insured's who did not have ACC coverage the previous year must obtain an acceptable ACC Underwriting Certification from DPI to be eligible for ACC coverage. Applicants or insureds who fail to submit an acceptable certification form will still be eligible for coverage against the other perils listed in the policy. Insureds who currently have ACC coverage and request an increase in their coverage, must obtain an acceptable Underwriting Certification from DPI to obtain the increased coverage.

ACTION:

1. Refer to the following website, under “Quarantine maps”, for the current list of counties with established ACC quarantine zones. http://doacs.state.fl.us/canker/menu1.htm

2. ACC Underwriting Certification inspections may be obtained by sending a request to the applicable DPI contact as listed on the website under “FL canker offices”.

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**DISPOSAL:**

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