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Risk

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-05-053

TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Written Agreement Similar Crop Provisions Amendatory Endorsement for the

2006 and Succeeding Crop Years for the Common Crop Insurance Policy,

Basic Provisions

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed a new amendatory endorsement on the RMA Web site at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2006policy.html. The new endorsement amends the written agreement provisions in the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions effective for the 2006 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a contract change date on or after November 30, 2005, and for the 2007 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a contract change date prior to November 30, 2005. The endorsement reflects regulatory changes made in an Interim Rule to be published in the Federal Register on November 30, 2005.

The endorsement amends the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions as mandated by section 780 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (2006 Appropriations Act). The 2006 Appropriations Act allows RMA to offer a written agreement to an individual producer to provide crop insurance on a particular agricultural commodity in an area where crop insurance is not available for the commodity, if the producer has actuarially sound data relating to the production by the producer of the commodity or similar commodity and the data is acceptable to the Corporation.

Insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date as required by the contract change section of the policy.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting/updating information and the disposal date is December 31, 2005.