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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-05-043

TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*
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SUBJECT: 2005 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook

The 2005 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook, has been updated with approved modifications. Appendix III is available electronically via the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/> under the Data Acceptance System (DAS) Handbook directory.

A redlined version of the draft is also available on the website that identifies changes in the Data Acceptance System Handbook. The draft changes were provided to company representatives via the readme pages of the DAS Status Reports.

Some of the more significant modifications in the 2005 Appendix III resulting from policy and procedure changes include:

- New Cause of Loss: Soybean rust and decline in price for California Dollar Citrus;
- Added uninsurable SBI flag; and
- Added changes for Burley Tobacco and California Processing Tomatoes.

This is also notification that the redlined version of the 2004 Draft Manual 13 has been updated with all approved modifications.

Companies may direct their questions or comments regarding Manual 13/Appendix III content to Seavey Anthony, Chief, Program Automation Branch, at (816) 926-3865, or Tim Conard, Acting Chief of the Data Quality Section, at (816) 926-1875.

DISPOSAL DATE:

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