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TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Simplified Claims Processing (SCP) Standard

BACKGROUND:

Bulletin MGR-05-003 extended the SCP Pilot criteria for the 2005 crop year and indicated the Risk Management Agency (RMA) would conduct an evaluation of SCP during the 2005 crop year. Based on existing data and the fact that RMA has not received any complaints regarding SCP claims or has not identified any findings associated with SCP claims during other reviews conducted during the 2005 crop year, SCP is no longer a pilot. RMA will incorporate this process within the Loss Adjustment Manual (LAM) Standards Handbook, FCIC-25010, for the 2007 crop year.

ACTION:

The SCP authority and criteria remain in effect for the 2006 crop year or until the process is incorporated within the LAM procedures with the exception that, due to the elimination of the tobacco support price program, tobacco claims no longer meet the SCP criteria stated in MGR-98-30.1.

Approved insurance providers are reminded to properly code claims for indemnity that are paid using SCP procedures.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Bulletin will remain in effect until incorporated within the LAM.

