INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: IS–14-007

DATE May 13, 2014

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Heather Manzano, Acting Deputy Administrator for Insurance Services /s/
Heather Manzano 5/13/2014

SUBJECT: Amendment to Section 502(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act

Background

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (Act) amended section 502(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act by adding at the end of the following:

(4) INFORMATION.-

(A) REQUEST.-Subject to subparagraph (B), the Farm Service Agency shall, in a timely manner, provide to an agent or an approved insurance provider authorized by the producer any information (including Farm Service Agency Form 578s (or any successor form)) or maps (or any corrections to those forms or maps) that may assist the agent or approved insurance provider in insuring the producer under a policy or plan of insurance under this subtitle.

(B) PRIVACY.-Except as provided in subparagraph (C), an agent or approved insurance provider that receives the information of a producer pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall treat the information in accordance with paragraph (1).

(C) SHARING.-Nothing in this section prohibits the sharing of the information of a producer pursuant to subparagraph (A) between the agent and the approved insurance provider of the producer.

Action

To implement the above revision in the Act, the Farm Service Agency issued Amendment 83 to their Acreage and Compliance Determinations Handbook found at: www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/2-cp_r15_a83.pdf.

DISPOSAL DATE:
December 31, 2014