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Agriculture

**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

Farm and Foreign  
Agricultural  
Services

TO: Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the States of Idaho, Oregon and Washington

Risk  
Management  
Agency

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SUBJECT: 60 Day Extension of RO Determined Yields for Category C Crops

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Spokane Regional Office (RO) has recently received a number of requests from Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to extend the standard timeline for submitting RO determined yield requests for the following request types: 1) Change in Practice – Acreage Transitioning to Certified Organic; 2) Grafted Apple Exception (production not kept separate); and 3) Perennial crops meeting minimum insurability for Leaf Years not published on the Actuarial T-yield Table.

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The 2017 Crop Insurance Handbook FCIC 18010 (CIH) paragraph 2212 A (2) specifies that RO Determined yield requests must be signed by the insured by the Production Reporting Date (PRD) and submitted by the AIP, with any applicable inspections, to the RO no later than 60 calendar days after the PRD.

**ACTION:**

Paragraph 2212 of the 2017 CIH no longer clarifies situations where the RMA RO may grant an extension to the deadline. Therefore, the final date for the insured signature and AIP submission of the RO Determined Yield requests and all supporting records/documentation for the subject request types will be March 16, 2017 (60 calendar days after the production reporting date).

RO Determined Yield requests and/or supporting records or documentation initially received after March 16, 2017, will not be accepted by the Spokane RO, unless the RO Determined Yield request results in a reduced APH yield in accordance with the ‘Exception’ noted in Paragraph 1840 of the CIH.

RMA plans to work with a Perennial Crop Workgroup formed with the industry to clarify future language for RO Determined Yield request deadlines.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

Until incorporated into procedure.