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Date

November 22, 2019

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

Richard H. Flournoy, Deputy Administrator /s/ John W. Underwood for 11/22/2019

Subject

Rice Crop Provisions Changes Effective for the 2020 Crop Year

Background

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) revised the Rice Crop Provisions to allow for new irrigation methods to implement the changes contained in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (commonly referred to as the 2018 Farm Bill). FCIC also changed cancellation and termination dates in certain states to align with other row crops. The changes will be effective for the 2020 and succeeding crop years.

A Final Rule with these changes published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2019. FCIC invites you to submit comments on this rule through the close of business January 21, 2020 at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

Action

The following documents will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov:

- Rice Crop Provisions (20-0018)
- Rice Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook (FCIC 25410)

Approved insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date, as required by the policy.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2019