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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Privacy Act of 1974; Report of a New System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of new privacy act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to create a new Privacy Act system of records, FCIC-11, entitled "Loss Adjuster." The system will be maintained by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), a wholly-owned Government Corporation administered by the Risk Management Agency (RMA), an agency of USDA. The primary purpose of the loss adjuster system is to aid in the administration and management of the Federal crop insurance program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This notice will be adopted without further publication on April 30, 2003 unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public. Although the Privacy Act requires only that the portion of the system which describes the "routine uses" of the system be published for comment, USDA invites comment on all portions of this notice. Comments must be received by the contact person listed below on or before April 30, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Actuarial Division, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Mo 64133, Telephone: (816) 926-6487.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, USDA is creating a new system of records, FCIC-11, entitled "Loss Adjuster" to be maintained by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), a wholly-owned Government Corporation administered by the Risk Management Agency (RMA), an agency of USDA.

RMA promotes and regulates sound risk management solutions to improve the economic stability of American agriculture. The Agency is responsible for supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) and the administration and oversight of programs authorized under the Federal Crop Insurance Act. As an example, the Federal Crop Insurance program covers production losses due to unavoidable causes such as drought, excessive moisture, hail, and wind. Risk Management tools are available to producers through commercial insurance companies that have entered into a financial arrangement with FCIC. Under this agreement, the company agrees to deliver a product to eligible buyers.

The purpose of the loss adjuster system is to identify persons performing loss adjustment services (*i.e.*, performing field inspections, verifying cause of loss, determining total production); detect disparate or inconsistent performance among all loss adjusters; capture data that contains the social security account number of loss adjusters for actuarial purposes in determining risk classification; and analyze and evaluate general program performance at various phases of program delivery. Routine uses include identifying loss adjusters who are ineligible for participation due to disqualification, suspension, debarment or other ineligibility and for other general administrative needs. The system contains records of identification for a loss adjuster to include the name, social security number, loss adjuster code, State, county and private insurance company that insures the policy for which the loss adjustment activities are performed, the individual policy number, state and county, private insurance company, amount of premium collected, and amount of indemnity paid for all applicable losses adjusted by the loss adjuster, and any information relating to any disqualification, suspension, debarment or other ineligibility.

The loss adjuster system is maintained by the Actuarial Division, Research and Development, RMA, Kansas City, Missouri.

A "Report on New System," required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), as implemented by OMB Circular A-130, was sent to the Chairman, Committee on Governmental

Affairs, United States Senate, the Chairman, Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on March 21, 2003.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 21, 2003.

**Ann M. Veneman,**  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

#### USDA/FCIC-11

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Loss Adjuster,

##### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Kansas City Office, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0814, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676 and regional offices for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Addresses of the regional offices may be obtained from the Deputy Administrator, Insurance Services, Risk Management Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 0805, room 6709-S, Washington, DC 20250-0803.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The system consists of information on any individual who is under contract with or employed by a private insurance company reinsured by FCIC and who is authorized to perform loss adjustment and related activities under the laws of the State and the Standard Reinsurance Agreement.

##### *Categories of Records in the System:*

The system consists of standardized records containing identifying information on individuals such as name, social security number, loss adjuster code, the State, county and private insurance company that insures the policy for which the loss adjustment activities are performed, and the individual policy number, State and county, private insurance company, amount of premium collected, and amount of indemnity paid for all applicable losses adjusted by the loss adjuster and any information relating to disqualification, suspension, debarment, and any other ineligibility.