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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-9, entitled "Agent." 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 Agent 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 November 24, 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 October 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Actuarial Division, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 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-9 entitled "Agent" 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 agent system is to administer the Federal crop insurance program; identify agents engaged in the sales and service of insurance coverage; detect disparate or inconsistent performance among all agents; capture data that contains the social security account number of agents for actuarial purposes in determining risk classification to analyze and evaluate general program performance at various phases of program delivery; facilitate procedures requiring annual reviews by private insurance companies of the performance of each agent used by the private insurance company; provide an agent directory for sales related activities; and analyze and evaluate general program performance at various phases of program delivery. The agent system is maintained by the Actuarial Division, Research and Development, located in the RMA Kansas City office.

The system contains records of identification for an agent to include the name, social security number, agent code, State, county, and private insurance company that insures the policy for which sales and service activities are performed by the agent, the individual policy number, State, and county, private insurance company, amount of premium collected, and amount of indemnity paid for all losses for policies that are sold and serviced by the agent, and any information relating to any disqualification, suspension, debarment or other ineligibility.

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, United States House of Representatives; and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on September 16, 2003.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 16, 2003.

Ann M. Veneman,
Secretary of Agriculture.

USDA/FCIC-9

SYSTEM NAME:

Agent.

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 to solicit and service crop insurance contracts, and who meets the licensing requirements set by individual States and FCIC for such activities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system consists of standardized records containing identifying information on individuals such as name, social security number, agent code, the State, county, and private insurance company that insures the policy for which the agent sells or services, and the individual policy number, State and county, private insurance company, amount of premium collected, and amount of indemnity paid for all applicable losses for each policy sold and serviced by the agent, and any information relating to State licensing and any disqualification, suspension, debarment, and any other ineligibility.