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To: Real Estate Professionals, Real Estate Attorneys and Mortgage Lenders

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 became effective on February 2, 1979. It requires any foreign person who:

1. Acquires or transfers any interest other than a security interest in agricultural land to submit a completed FSA-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than 90 calendar days after the date of acquisition or transfer, or
2. Held an interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land on February 1, 1979, to have submitted a report to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than August 1, 1979.

The information required by the Secretary of Agriculture should be reported on the enclosed FSA-153. Additional copies of the form, which you are encouraged to give to clients who are foreign persons owning, acquiring, or transferring agricultural land in the United States or its territories or possessions, may be obtained from your local FSA office. Return the completed FSA-153 to the local office.

Any foreign person who holds, acquires, or transfers any interest in agricultural land, who the Secretary of Agriculture determines did not submit FSA-153, or who knowingly submitted a report that was incomplete, misleading or false is subject to a civil penalty of not more than 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed.

FSA-153 is analyzed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, to develop reports for the Secretary of Agriculture and the agriculture department of each state. Completed FSA-153's and the analysis shall be available for public inspection at the Department of Agriculture located in Washington, DC.

We appreciated your cooperation and any help you can provide pertaining to this important matter.

If you have question concerning the Act, please contact:

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Enclosures: FSA-152-1 AFIDA Brochure; FSA-153, AFIDA Report

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