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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–24–0079]

#### Revision of Seven U.S. Grade Standards for Canned Tomato Products

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising seven U.S. grade standards for canned tomato products. AMS is updating the color sections in the grade standards, replacing the two-term grading system (dual-nomenclature) with a single term, and making editorial changes. AMS is also changing the spelling of “catsup” to the more commonly used term “ketchup.”

**DATES:** June 12, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana N. White, by phone at (202) 720–5021; fax at (540) 361–1199; or email to [Dana.White@usda.gov](mailto:Dana.White@usda.gov). Copies of the current U.S. Standards for Grades of Tomato Ketchup, U.S. Standards for Grades of Tomato Sauce, U.S. Standards for Grades of Tomato Juice, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomato Paste, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomato Puree, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomatoes, and U.S. Standards for Grades of Concentrated Tomato Juice are available on the Specialty Crops Inspection

Division website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/vegetables>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.”

AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The U.S. Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables that no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations are maintained by AMS at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards>. AMS is revising certain parts of these U.S. Standards for Grades using the procedures that appear in part 36 of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

#### Background

AMS continually reviews all fruit and vegetable grade standards to ensure their usefulness to industry, modernize language, and remove duplicative terminology. AMS is revising seven grade standards: U.S. Standards for Grades of Tomato Catsup, U.S. Standards for Grades of Tomato Sauce, U.S. Standards for Grades of Tomato Juice, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomato Paste, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomato Puree, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomatoes, and U.S. Standards for Grades of Concentrated Tomato Juice. The color section of these grade standards references Munsell color discs that are no longer used to determine color. The color sections will be updated to remove specific references to the Munsell color discs and to instead

reference the USDA color chip information (A1, A2, C1, and C2) and use guidance. Color chip information is available on the Listing of Fresh and Processed Commodity Visual Aids on the AMS website at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/how-purchase-equipment-and-visual-aids>. The color sections will note that the availability and procedure for using USDA color standards can be obtained by contacting USDA at the website above. AMS is also removing specific addresses for licensed suppliers of color standards. Contact information for current licensed suppliers is available in the Fresh and Processed Equipment Catalog at the website above.

More recently developed grade standards use a single term, such as “U.S. Grade A” or “U.S. Grade B,” to describe each level of quality within a grade standard. Older grade standards used dual nomenclature, such as “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy,” “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard,” and “U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard,” to describe the same level of quality. The terms “U.S. Fancy,” “U.S. Extra Standard,” and “U.S. Standard” will be removed and the terms “U.S. Grade A,” “U.S. Grade B,” and “U.S. Grade C” will be used exclusively.

AMS is adding a table to section 52.5170 of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomatoes named “Table II Low Individual Drained Weights for Canned Tomatoes and Stewed Tomatoes, All Grades, All Styles (ounces).” This table shows the individual drained weights allowed for each level of quality and container size.

Finally, AMS is making editorial changes, including inserting section headings and changing “catsup” to the more commonly used term “ketchup” to align with the Food and Drug Administration’s standard of identity and commercial practices.

The following table summarizes the revisions being made by AMS.

U.S. standards for grades of canned tomato products	Effective date	Color section revisions	Other revisions
Tomato Catsup .....	02/26/92	Remove text under section 52.2106, “Color,” pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Tomato Products for determining color.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standards, which had been erroneously removed. Change “catsup” to “ketchup” throughout the standard.

U.S. standards for grades of canned tomato products	Effective date	Color section revisions	Other revisions
Tomato Sauce .....	11/17/94	Remove text under section 52.2372, "Color," pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Tomato Products for determining color.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standards, which had been erroneously removed. Revise section 52.2371, "Product description," to highlight the refractive index criteria and include the low individual sample allowance. Revise table 1 of section 52.2375, column "U.S. Grade B" Reasonably Good Consistency to align with the definition, "3.0 to less than 4.0 or more than 12.0 but not more than 15.0."
Tomato Juice .....	07/22/85	Remove text under section 52.3622, "Definitions of terms," pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Tomato Products for determining color. Remove Munsell address as a contact to order the tomato color standards.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standards, which had been erroneously removed.
Canned Tomato Paste.	09/19/77	Remove text under section 52.5048, "Color," pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Tomato Products for determining color. Remove Munsell address as a contact to order the tomato color standards.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standards, which had been erroneously removed. Replace two-term grading language (dual nomenclature) with a single term to describe each quality level with the grade statements. For example, the term "U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy" would be revised to use the term "U.S. Grade A" under section 52.5044.
Canned Tomato Puree (Tomato Pulp).	05/01/78	Remove text under section 52.5088, "Color," pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Tomato Products for determining color. Remove Munsell address as a contact to order the tomato color standards.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standards, which had been erroneously removed.
Canned Tomatoes ....	04/13/90	Remove text under section 52.5164, "Definitions of terms," pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Canned Tomatoes for determining color.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standard, which had been erroneously removed. Revise section 52.5166, including changing the title from "Minimum drained weight averages" to "Drained weight" and reorganizing content into a better order. Reorganize section 52.5166 for clarity, including moving sections. Add a new table in section 52.5170 to show the low individual drained weights and re-number all subsequent tables.
Concentrated Tomato Juice.	02/25/70	Remove text under section 52.5205 pertaining to the use of the Munsell color discs. Add information about the USDA Color Standards for Tomato Products for determining color.	Add section headings from the previous version of the standards, which had been erroneously removed. Replace two-term grading language (dual nomenclature) with a single term to describe each quality level with the grade statements. For example, the term "U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy" would be revised to use the term "U.S. Grade A" under section 52.5202.

**Comments**

A 60-day period was provided for interested persons to submit comments on the proposed grade standards (90 FR 44360, September 15, 2025). In response to its request, AMS received two anonymous comments. All comments were posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>. One commenter offered support for changing the term "catsup" to "ketchup" as it "will allow the product to be more identifiable with the everyday consumer." The other commenter offered their support for updating "catsup" to "ketchup" stating

it "will improve consumer clarity." This commenter also offered support for removing dual nomenclature stating it "strengthens consistency within the entire food industry that follows USDA guidelines." While offering their support in the two aforementioned areas, the commenter questioned how these changes would: (1) "affect export or import requirements in terms of international standards already in place," and (2) "affect small and midsize producers in terms of implementation costs." In response to these questions: (1) This will not affect

export or import requirements as U.S. standards are voluntary and are standalone from international standards. Buyers will need to declare which standard they wish to use when doing business. (2) This is not expected to affect implementation costs for small and midsize producers since the revised content in the standard was all identified as being no longer applicable to industry, with the exception of "Table II Low Individual Drained Weights for Canned Tomatoes and Stewed Tomatoes, All Grades, All Styles (ounces)" for which the information

used to make the table was previously in the standard, but it's now added in table form for easy referencing.

AMS is moving forward with the revisions as proposed and determined by AMS since these grade standards will provide a common language for trade and better reflect the current marketing of fruits and vegetables.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2026–0431]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with Federal recognition of a State's plant pest containment, eradication, or exclusion program as a Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 13, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2026–0431 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2026–0431, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence

Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program, contact Mr. Allen Proxmire, National Policy Manager, Black Stem Rust, Pest Evaluation and Response, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPQ, APHIS, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; [allen.proxmire@usda.gov](mailto:allen.proxmire@usda.gov); 480–392–8754. For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2528; [APHIS.PRA@usda.gov](mailto:APHIS.PRA@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579–0365.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plant pests, plants, plant products, or other articles if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent a plant pest or noxious weed from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

As part of this mission, APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine program responds to introductions of plant pests to eradicate, suppress, or contain them through various programs to prevent their interstate spread. APHIS' plant pest containment and eradication programs qualify as “official control programs,” as defined by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), recognized by the World Trade Organization as the standard-setting body for international plant quarantine issues. Official control is defined as the active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the application of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of containment or eradication of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests. As a contracting party to the IPPC, the United States has agreed to observe IPPC principles as they relate to international trade.

APHIS is aware that individual States enforce phytosanitary regulations and

procedures within their borders to address pests of concern, and that those pests are not always also the subject of an APHIS response program or activity. To strengthen APHIS' safeguarding system to protect agriculture and to facilitate agriculture trade through effective management of phytosanitary measures, APHIS initiated the Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary (FRSMP) Program, which establishes an administrative process for granting Federal recognition to certain State-managed official control programs for plant pest eradication or containment and State-managed pest exclusion programs. (The FRSMP Program was previously referred to as the Official Control Program.) Federal recognition of a State's pest control activities will justify actions by Federal inspectors at ports of entry to help exclude pests that are under a phytosanitary program in a destination State. This process involves the use of information collection activities, including the submission of a petition for protocol for quarantine pests of concern, a petition for regulated non-quarantine pests, State cooperative agreements, and audit review annual accomplishment reports.

We are requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 34.7 hours per response.

*Respondents:* State Plant Health Regulatory Officials.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1.