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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture (USDA) [2270]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other [X]: Update and simplify the U.S. grade standards for canned tomato products to reflect current industry practices and improve clarity.
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Canned tomato products; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Fruits. Vegetables (ICS code(s): 67.080)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Revision of Seven U.S. Grade Standards for Canned Tomato Products; (2 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_06074_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Notice and request for comments - The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to revise seven U.S. grade standards for canned tomato products. AMS is proposing to update the color sections in the grade standards, replace the two-term grading system (dual-nomenclature) with a single term, and make editorial changes. AMS is also proposing to change the spelling of "catsup" to the more commonly used term "ketchup."
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements
8. Relevant documents: 90 Federal Register (FR) 44360, 15 September 2025: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-15/html/2025-17772.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-15/pdf/2025-17772.pdf This notice; request for comments is identified by Docket Number AMS-SC-24-0079. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-SC-24-0079/document and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number.

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 14 November 2025

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 14 November 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with USDA and submitted to the [Docket](#) if received within the comment period.

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov