



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

November 15, 2012

**NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF THE
CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATO INSPECTION PROGRAM**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) held a public hearing on October 12, 2012 in Sacramento, California to consider the continuation of the California Processing Tomato Inspection Program (Program). Such a hearing is required under the California Marketing Act (Act) to be conducted every five years to provide an opportunity for the processing tomato industry to comment on the usefulness and effectiveness of the Program.

Based on the testimony and evidence received at the hearing, the Department has found that a substantial question does not exist among processing tomato producers or processors as to whether the Program effectuates the declared purposes of the Act. Therefore, the Department has approved the continuation of the Program for five more years, through December 31, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the Program's activities, please contact Tom Ramme, Manager of the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board, at (530) 759-7501, or Joe Monson with the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

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