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Tomato products — Specification — Part 2: Tomato sauce and Ketchup

1 Scope

This Part 2 of EAS 66 prescribes the requirements for tomato sauce and ketchup (also known as catsup and catchup) as defined in Clause 3.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

AOAC 971.27, Sodium chloride in canned vegetables. Method I

ISO 2173, *Fruit and vegetable products — Determination of soluble solids — Refractometric methods*
AOAC 920.151 Solids (total) in fruits and fruit products

ISO 1842, *Fruit and vegetable products -- Determination of pH*

CODEX STAN 192, *General standard for food additives*

CAC/RCP 53, *Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables*

EAS 38, *Labelling of prepackaged foods — Specification*

ISO 6633, *Fruits, vegetables and derived products -- Determination of lead content -- Flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method*

ISO 17240:2004 *Fruit and vegetable products -- Determination of tin content -- Method using flame atomic absorption spectrometry*

ISO 7952:1994 *Fruits, vegetables and derived products -- Determination of copper content -- Method using flame atomic absorption spectrometry*

ISO 6636-2:1981 *Fruits, vegetables and derived products -- Determination of zinc content -- Part 2: Atomic absorption spectrometric method*

ISO 17239:2004 *Fruits, vegetables and derived products -- Determination of arsenic content -- Method using hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry*

ISO 4833 (all parts), *Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal methods for the enumeration of microorganisms*

ISO 21527-1, *Microbiology of food and animal feedingstuffs – Horizontal methods for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds*

ISO 7251, *Microbiology of food and animal feedingstuffs – Horizontal methods for the detection and enumeration of presumptive Escherichia coli – Most Probable Number technique*

ISO 6579, *Microbiology of food and animal feedingstuffs – Horizontal methods for the detection of Salmonella spp.*

AOAC 965.41, *Mold in tomato products. Howard mold count*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this standard the following definitions shall apply:

3.1

tomato sauce and ketchup

products derived from sound, ripe, red or reddish tomatoes and are highly seasoned with characterising ingredients such as pepper, onions, vinegar and sugar in quantities that materially alter the flavour, aroma and taste of the tomato component

3.2

sound

Not overripe, not soft and free from diseases or insect damage, or bruising or physical injuries affecting keeping quality of the fruit.

3.3

Food grade packaging material

Any material which when it comes in contact with food or if the area near food is unlikely to contaminate food with harmful materials

4 Requirements

4.1 General requirements

4.1.1 Ingredients

Substances that may be added to tomato sauce and ketchup include, vinegar, chillies, sucrose, invert sugar, dextrose, dried glucose syrup, glucose syrup, spices, flavouring, onions, or garlic which shall comply with the relevant applicable standards.

4.1.2 Description

Tomato sauce and ketchup shall be a product derived from sound tomatoes, tomato paste or puree; practically free from insect or fragments, fungal or any other blemish affecting the quality and safety of the product. Tomato sauce and ketchup shall possess good body and consistency, and uniform colour; be practically free from defects.

4.1.3 Defects

The products shall be practically free from the following defects:

- (a) tomato peel;
- (b) seeds or particles of seeds;
- (c) any extraneous plant material; and
- (d) dark specks or scale-like particles.

4.1.4 Additives

Food additives shall be used as per CODEX STAN 192.

4.1.5 Organoleptic properties

The finished products shall have the characteristic taste and flavor of tomato sauce and ketchup and shall be free from burnt or any other objectionable flavours. It shall be of good keeping quality and shall show no sign of fermentation.

4.1.6 Fillers and stabilizers

The products may contain artificial fillers such as cereal products or other permitted stabilizers.

4.2 Specific requirements

Tomato sauce and ketchup shall comply with the compositional requirements indicated in Table 1.

Table 1 — Compositional requirements for tomato sauce/ketchup

Characteristic		Requirement	Test method
Total soluble solids content, % by mass,	Tomato sauce	18 - 25	AOAC 920.151
	Tomato ketchup, min.	26	
Sodium chloride, % by mass, max.		6	AOAC 971.27
pH		Not higher than 4.5	ISO 1842
Specific gravity at 20 °C		1.050-1.111	Annex A

5 Contaminants

5.1 Pesticide residues

The products shall conform to the pesticide residue limits prescribed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission of the respective commodity.

5.2 Heavy metal limits

The products shall not exceed the limits for heavy metal indicated in Table 3.

Table 3 — Requirements for heavy metal in tomato sauce and ketchup

SL NO	Heavy metal	Maximum limits (ppm)	Test method
i)	Arsenic (As)	0.5	ISO 17239
ii)	Lead (Pb)	1.0	ISO 6633
iii)	Copper (Cu)	5	ISO 7952
iv)	Zinc (Zn)	5	ISO 6636-2
v)	Tin (Sn)	250	ISO 17240

7 Hygiene

7.1 The products shall be prepared under hygienic conditions in accordance with EAS 39 .

7.2 Microbiological limits

The products shall be free from pathogenic organisms and shall comply with the microbiological limits indicated in Table 2.

Table 2 — Microbiological limits for tomato sauce and ketchup

Type of micro-organism	Maximum limits	Test method
Total viable counts, cfu/g	10	ISO 4833 (all parts)
Yeast/moulds cfu/g	shall be absent	ISO 21527-1
Escherichia coli MPN/g	shall be absent	ISO 7251
Salmonella sp. per 25 g	shall be absent	ISO 6579
Mould filament, max.	40 % positive fields	AOAC 965.41

8 Minimum fill

The products shall occupy a minimum fill of not less than 90 % of the water holding capacity of the container which shall be determined in accordance with Annex B.

9 Packaging

The products shall be packed in suitable food grade containers having no action on the products. The containers shall be free from other products that may lead to contamination and alter the quality, composition, flavour, odour and taste of the products. Containers shall be air tight and shall be provided with tamper- proof seals and closures. Containers shall preclude contamination with or proliferation of microorganisms in the products during storage and transport.

10 Labelling

10.1 In addition to the requirements of EAS 38, the following specific labelling requirements shall apply and shall be legibly and indelibly marked :

- a) Name of product including the type shall be "Tomato sauce" or "Tomato ketchup (or catsup or catchup)". If an added ingredient, as defined in 4.1.1, alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the food shall be accompanied by the term "flavoured with X" or "X flavoured" as appropriate.
- b) Name, physical and postal address of manufacturer/importer
- c) Country of origin
- d) Date of manufacture and expiry date
- e) List of ingredients
- f) Net content
- g) Storage condition
- h) Batch number in code or in clear.

10.2 Labelling of non-retail containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

10 Sampling

Sampling shall be done in accordance with Annex C.

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Annex A (normative)

Determination of specific gravity

A.1 Principle

The method involves use of specific gravity bottle which enables a liquid's density to be measured accurately by reference to an appropriate working fluid which is water. The specific gravity bottle is weighed empty, full of water, and full of a liquid whose specific gravity is desired. The ratio of the mass of a unit volume of a substance to the mass of a unit volume of water is then calculated as the specific gravity.

A.2 Apparatus

Specific gravity bottle/ pycnometer

A.3 Procedure

Clean and thoroughly dry the specific gravity bottle and weigh it. Fill it up to the mark with freshly boiled and cooled water, which has been maintained at a temperature of $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ and weigh. Remove the water, dry the bottle again and fill it with the material maintained at the same temperature. Weight the bottle again.

A.4 Calculation

A.4.1 Specify the temperature of testing

A.4.1.1 Calculate as follows:

$$\text{Specific gravity at } 20^{\circ}\text{C}/20^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{C - A}{B - A}$$

Where C = mass in gram of the specific gravity bottle with the material
A = mass in grams of the empty specific gravity bottle, and
B = mass in grams of the specific gravity bottle with water.

A.4.1.2 To find out the degree Brix, the table given in Annex A shall be used.

Degrees brix. Specific gravity and degrees baume of sugar solutions

Degrees brix of Per cent by	Specific gravity A 25°/20°	Specific gravity at 25°/4°	Degrees Baume (Modulus 145)
0.0	1.000 000	0.998 234	0.00
0.2	1.000 78	0.999 010	0.11
0.4	1.001 55	0.999 786	0.22
0.6	1.002 33	1.000 563	0.34
0.8	1.003 11	1.001 342	0.45
1.0	1.003 89	1.002 120	0.56
1.2	1.004 67	1.002 897	0.67
1.4	1.005 45	1.003 675	0.79
1.6	1.006 23	1.004 453	0.90
1.8	1.007 01	1.005 234	1.01
2.0	1.007 79	1.006 015	1.12
2.2	1.008 58	1.006 796	1.23
2.4	1.009 36	1.007 580	1.34
2.6	1.010 15	1.008 363	1.46
2.8	1.010 93	1.009 148	1.57
3.0	1.011 72	1.009 934	1.68
3.2	1.012 51	1.010 721	1.79
3.4	1.013 30	1.011 510	1.90
3.6	1.014 09	1.012 298	2.02
3.8	1.014 88	1.013 089	2.13
4.0	1.015 57	1.013 881	2.24
4.2	1.016 47	1.014 673	2.35
4.4	1.017 26	1.015 467	2.46
4.6	1.018 06	1.016 261	2.57
4.8	1.018 86	1.017 058	2.68
5.0	1.019 65	1.017 854	2.79
5.2	1.101 45	1.018 652	2.91
5.4	1.021 25	1.019 451	3.02
5.6	1.022 06	1.020 251	3.13
5.8	1.022 86	1.021 054	3.24
6.0	1.023 66	1.021 855	3.35
6.2	1.024 47	1.022 659	3.46
6.4	1.025 27	1.023 463	3.57
6.6	1.026 08	1.024 270	3.69
6.8	1.026 89	1.025 077	3.80
7.0	1.027 70	1.025 885	3.91
7.2	1.028 51	1.026 694	4.02
7.4	1.029 32	1.027 504	4.13
7.6	1.030 13	1.028 316	4.24
7.8	1.030 95	1.029 128	4.35
8.0	1.031 76	1.029 942	4.46
8.2	1.032 58	1.030 757	4.58
8.4	1.033 40	1.031 573	4.69
8.6	1.034 22	1.032 391	4.80
8.8	1.035 04	1.033 209	4.91
9.0	1.035 86	1.034 029	5.02
9.2	1.036 68	1.034 850	5.13
9.4	1.037 50	1.035 671	5.24
9.6	1.038 33	1.036 494	5.35
9.8	1.039 15	1.037 318	5.46
10.0	1.039 98	1.038 143	5.57
10.2	1.040 81	1.038 970	5.68
10.4	1.041 64	1.039 797	5.80
10.6	1.042 64	1.040 626	5.91
10.8	1.043 00	1.041 456	6.02

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11.0	1.044 13	1.042 298	6.13
11.2	1.044 97	1.043 121	6.24
11.4	1.045 80	1.043 954	6.35
11.6	1.046.64	1.044 788	6.46
11.8	1.047 47	1.045 625	6.57
12.0			
12.2	1.048 31	1.046 462	6.68
12.4	1.049 15	1.047 300	6.79
12.6	1.049 99	1.048 140	6.90
12.8	1.050 84	1.048 980	7.02
	1.051 68	1.049 822	7.13
13.0			
13.2	1.052 52	1.050 665	7.24
13.4	1.053 37	1.051 510	7.35
13.6	1.054 22	1.052 356	7.46
13.8	1.055 06	1.053 202	7.57
14.0	1.055 91	1.054 050	7.68
14.2	1.056 77	1.059 165	
14.4	1.057 62	1.060 022	8.34
14.6	1.058 47	1.050 880	8.45
14.8	1.059 33	1.061 733	8.56
16.0	1.050 18	1.062 598	8.67
16.2	1.065 34		8.78
16.4	1.066 21	1.063 460	8.89
16.6	1.067 07	1.064 324	9.00
16.8	1.067 94	1.065 188	9.11
17.0	1.068 81	1.066 054	9.22
17.2	1.069 68	1.066 921	9.33
17.4	1.070 55	1.067 799	9.45
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	1.073 17	1.069 529	9.78
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18.2	1.074 04	1.071 273	10.00
18.4	1.074 92	1.072 147	11.00
18.6	1.075 80	1.073 023	10.11
18.8	1.076 68	1.073 900	10.33
19.0	1.077 56	1.074 777	10.44
19.2		1.075 657	
	1.078 44		10.55
19.4	1.079 32	1.076 537	10.66
19.6	1.080 21	1.077 449	10.77
19.8	1.081 10	1.078 320	10.88
20.0	1.081 98	1.079 187	10.99
20.2	1.082 87	1.080 071	
20.4	1.083 76	1.080 959	11.10
20.6		1.081 848	11.21
20.8	1.084 65	1.082 737	11.32
	1.085 54	1.083 628	11.43
21.0	1.086 44	1.084 520	11.54
21.2	1.087 23	1.084 414	11.65
21.4	1.088 23	1.086 309	11.76
21.6	1.089 13	1.087 205	11.87
21.8	1.090 03	1.088 101	11.98
	1.090 93	1.089 000	12.09
22.0	1.091 83		
22.2	1.091 73	1.089 900	12.20
22.4	1.093 64	1.090 802	12.31
22.6	1.094 54	1.091 704	12.42
22.8	1.095 54	1.092 607	12.52
	1.095 45	1.093 513	12.63.

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23.2	1.097 27	1.095 328	12.85
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23.8	1.000 00	1.098 058	13.18
24.0		1.098 971	13.29
24.2	1.100 92	1 099 886	13.40
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25.0	1.104 59	1.103 557	13.84
25.2	1.105 51	1.105 400	13.95
25.4	1.106 43	1.106 324	14.06
25.6	1.107 36	1.107 248	14.17
25.8	1.108 28	1.108 175	14.28
26.0	1.109 21	1.109 103	14.39
26.2	1.110 14	1.110 033	14.49
26.4	1.111 06	1.110 963	14.60
26.6	1.112 00	1.111 895	14.71
26.8	1.112 93	1.112 828	14.82
27.0	1.113 86	1.113 763	14.93
27.2	1.114 80	1.114 697	15.04
27.4	1.115 73	1.115 635	15.15
27.6	1.116 67	1.116 572	15.26
27.8	1.117 61		15.37
28.0	1.118 55	1.117 512	
28.2	1.119 49	1.120 453	15.48
28.4	1.120 43	1.119 395	15.59
28.6	1.121 38	1.120 339	15.69
28.8	1.122 32	1.121 284	15.80
29.0	1.123 27	1.122 231	15.91
29.2	1.124 22	1.123 179	16.02
29.4	1.125 17	1.124 128	16.13
29.6	1.126 12	1.125 128	16.24
29.8	1.127 07	1.226 030	16.35
30.0	1.128 02		16.46
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30.4	1.130 93	1.127 939	16.57
30.6	1.130 89	1.128 896	16.67
30.8	1.131 85	1,129 853	16.78
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37.6	1.166 31	1.164 252	20.78
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38.8	1.172 39	1.170 322	21.43
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44.4	1.201 48	1.200 420	24.42
44.6	1.202 54	1.201 480	24.53
44.8	1.203 60		
45.0	1.204 67	1.202 540	24.63
45.2	1.205 73	1.203 603	24.74
45.4	1.206 80	1.204 668	24.85
45.6	1.207 87	1.205 733	24.95
45.8	1.208 94	1.206 801	25.06
46.0	1.210 01	1.207 870	25.17
46.2	1.211 08	1.208 940	25.27
46.4	1.212 15	1.210 013	25.38
56.6	1.213 23	1.211 086	25.48

46.8	1.214 31	1.212 162	25.59
47.0	1.215 38	1.213 238	25.70
47.2	1.216 46	1.214 317	25.80
47.4	1.217 55	1.215 395	25.91
47.6	1.218 63	1.216 476	26.01
47.8	1.219 71	1.217 559	26.12
48.0	1.220 80	1.218 643	26.23
48.2	1.221 89	1.219 729	26.33
48.4	1.222 98	1.220 815	26.44
48.6	1.224 06	1.221 904	26.54
48.8	1.225 16	1.222 995	26.65
49.0	1.226 25	1.224 086	26.75
49.2	1.227 35	1.225 180	26.86
49.4	1.228 44	1.226 274	26.96
49.6	1.229 54	1.227 371	27.07
49.9	1.230 64	1.228 469	27.18
50.0	1.213 74	1.229 567	27.80
50.2	1.232 84	1.230 668	27.39
50.4	1.233 95	1.231 770	27.49
50.6	1.235 06	1.232 874	27.60
50.8	1.236 16	1.233 979	27.70

Annex B (normative)

Determination of the fill of the container

B.1 Scope

This method applies to glass containers.

B.2 Definition

The water capacity of a container is the volume of distilled water at 20 °C which the sealed container will hold when completely filled.

B.3 Procedure

B.3.1 Select a container which is undamaged in all respects.

B.3.2 Weigh the filled container, (W1)

B.3.3 Empty, Wash, dry and weigh the empty container (W2).

B.3.4 Fill the container with distilled water at 20 °C to the level of the top thereof, and weigh the container thus filled (W3).

B.3.5 Calculate the water capacity of a container

$$\text{WCC (Water Capacity of the Container)} = W3 - W2$$

B.4 Calculation and expression of results

Subtract the weight (W2) found in B.3.3 from the weight (W1) found in B.3.2 and divide the result by WCC found in B.3.5 and multiply by 100 fill the container. Results are expressed as percentage.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Fill of the container} &= (W1 - W2) / \text{WCC} * 100 \\ &= (W1 - W2) / (W3 - W2) * 100\end{aligned}$$

Annex C (normative)

Sampling

B.1.1 Quality

The quality of a lot shall be considered acceptable when the number of defectives does not exceed the acceptance number (*c*) in the sampling plans.

B.1.2 Fill of container

A lot shall be deemed to be in compliance for fill of container (packing medium and vegetable ingredient) when the number of defectives does not exceed the acceptance number (*c*) in the sampling plans.

B.1.3 Drained weight

A lot shall be deemed to be in compliance for drained weight based on the average value of all samples analyzed according to the sampling plans.

B.2 Sampling and acceptance procedure

B.2.1 Definitions

(i) Lot

A collection of primary containers or units of the same size, type, and style manufactured or packed under similar conditions and handled as a single unit of trade.

(ii) Lot size

The number of primary containers or units in the lot.

(iii) Sample size

The total number of sample units drawn for examination from a lot.

(iv) Sample unit

A container, a portion of the contents of a container, or a composite mixture of product from small containers that is sufficient for the examination or testing as a single unit. For fill of container, the sample unit shall be the entire contents of the container.

(v) Defective

Any sample unit shall be regarded as defective when the sample unit does not meet the criteria set forth in the standards.

(vi) Acceptance number (*c*)

The maximum number of defective sample units permitted in the sample in order to consider the lot as meeting the specified requirements.

(vii) Acceptable quality level (AQL)

The maximum percent of defective sample units permitted in a lot that will be accepted approximately 95 percent of the time.

B.2.2 Sampling plans

Lot size (primary containers)	Size of container	
	n^1	

net weight equal to or less than 1 kg (2.2 lb)		
4,800 or less	13	
4,801 to 24,000	21	
24,001 to 48,000	29	
48,001 to 84,000	48	
84,001 to 144,000	84	
144,001 to 240,000	126	
Over 240,000	200	
net weight greater than 1 kg (2.2 lb) but not more than 4.5 kg (10 lb)		
2,400 or less	13	
2,401 to 15,000	21	
15,001 to 24,000	29	
24,001 to 42,000	48	
42,001 to 72,000	84	
72,001 to 120,000	126	
Over 120,000	200	
net weight greater than 4.5 kg (10 lb)		
600 or less	13	
601 to 2,000	21	
2,001 to 7,200	29	
7,201 to 15,000	48	
15,001 to 24,000	84	
24,001 to 42,000	126	
Over 42,000	200	
¹ n = number of primary containers in sample. ² c = acceptance number.		

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