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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs Mr. Bill Fleming Sales Department

Agricultural Marketing Service HunterLab Headquarters 11491 Sunset Hills Road Reston, Virginia 22090

Processed Products Branch Dear Mr. Fleming:

The status of the ColorFlex TM, LabScan XE TM and D25 A TM color measuring devices that you submitted to the University of California, Davis (UCD) to determine their suitability for the evaluation of "color" in accordance with the U.S. standards for grades of tomato paste, tomato sauce, tomato catsup, and tomato juice is as follows:

A color study conducted by UCD at the direction of Ms. Diane M. Barrett, Department of Food Science and Technology, in cooperation with the Agricultural Marketing Service, determined that the above mentioned color instruments met the criteria for reliability in the evaluation of "color" in tomato products.

Congratulations! We look forward to continuing our working relationship with HunterLabs in any future endeavor.

Sincerely,

Terry B. Bane, Branch Chief Processed Products Branch

Fruit and Vegetable Programs