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December 6, 2007

Mr. Reggie Brown  
Florida Tomato Exchange  
800 Trafalgar Court, Suite 300  
Maitland, Florida 32751

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and our rule development process for Fresh Tomato Inspection.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for adoption of Rule Chapter 5G-6, Florida Administrative Code, as filed with the Department of State for publication in the December 14<sup>th</sup> issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. This notice contains the proposed rule language for inspection, permit requirements and best practices in the tomato industry for growers, packers, re-packers and workers. Also enclosed is a copy of the corresponding *Tomato Best Practices Manual*, identified in above rule language for adoption by reference.

Please be advised that a Public Hearing to receive comment on the rule language and the Tomato Best Practices Manual has been scheduled. As specified in the enclosed notice, the hearing will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. This hearing will be held in the Eyster Auditorium in The Conner Building located at 3125 Conner Boulevard in Tallahassee, Florida.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please call Dr. Marion Aller or me at 850.488.0295.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. BRONSON  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee M. Cornman".

Lee M. Cornman, Assistant Director  
Division of Food Safety

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Marion Aller, Director, Division of Food Safety  
Shannon Shepp, Director, Division of Fruits and Vegetables



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