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Introduction

This International Standard gives general recommendations for the cold storage and refrigerated transport of tomatoes. These recommendations may need to be modified to suit particular cultivars of tomato, local climatic conditions, cultivation practices, market requirements and distances of transportation, etc. Experts will be able to establish those recommendations most appropriate for particular market requirements and ecological and agrotechnical factors. In addition, the quality of the harvest and the storage conditions attainable in particular transport vehicles and cold stores may necessitate modifications to these recommendations.

Subject to local conditions and the fact that tomatoes are living matter, the application of the recommendations made in this International Standard should enable much wastage during refrigerated transport and cold storage to be avoided.

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