

**Governor Osuna Announces Baja California Tomatoes Have Been Deemed By FDA
To Be Not Associated With The Salmonella Outbreak**

MEXICALI, Baja California, Mexico, June 15 2008– Governor Osuna has announced that tomatoes currently being harvested in Baja California, Mexico have been determined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be not associated with the current salmonella outbreak. Accordingly, the state of Baja California has been added to the FDA’s list of states, territories, and countries not associated with the outbreak. FDA’s website has been changed to reflect this change.

“Baja California is a leading supplier of tomatoes to U.S. markets. Our growers work closely with U.S. customers, other supply chain members, and regulatory agencies to produce high quality, safe tomatoes. We are leaders in some of the most progressive food safety and traceability programs in North America. The produce industry is very important to the Baja economy, and we take our commitment and responsibility to the consumer very seriously.”

Under a protocol established with the FDA, growers, packers, and importers of record will obtain approval from the Secretaria de Fomento Agropecuario del Gobierno del Estado de Baja California to participate in the certification program. These participants shall agree to follow the terms and conditions of the protocol, and shall subject themselves to audit. Each lot of tomatoes imported under the protocol shall be accompanied by a certificate verifying the tomatoes are from Baja California.

“We sincerely appreciate the responsible and professional manner in which the FDA worked with us to resolve this matter. Although they are obviously very busy addressing the outbreak, we found them to be very responsive and cooperative. We also appreciate the assistance and support of the various trade associations and industry members who contributed greatly to getting Baja California added to the list”.