

# COLOR CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN

UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF FRESH

# TOMATOES

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GREEN



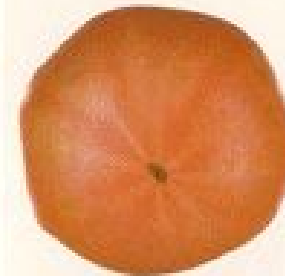
BREAKERS



TURNING



PINK



LIGHT RED



RED



(1) "Green" means that the surface of the tomato is completely green in color. The shade of green color may vary from light to dark;

(2) "Breakers" means that there is a definite break in color from green to tannish-yellow, pink or red on not more than 10 percent of the surface;

(3) "Turning" means that more than 10 percent but not more than 30 percent of the surface, in the aggregate, shows a definite change in color from green to tannish-yellow, pink, red, or a combination thereof;

(4) "Pink" means that more than 30 percent but not more than 60 percent of the surface, in the aggregate, shows pink or red color;

(5) "Light red" means that more than 60 percent of the surface, in the aggregate, shows pinkish-red or red; Provided, That not more than 90 percent of the surface is red color; and,

(6) "Red" means that more than 90 percent of the surface, in the aggregate, shows red color.

The above photographs are only guides illustrating the shade and percentage of surface color specified for each of the color terms. These photographs do not necessarily depict absolute limits of minimum or maximum shades and/or percentage of color required for each term.