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REMARKS: The second paragraph in the **Exemptions to Size Markings** section on page 11 is revised to read as follows and applies to both fresh and greenhouse tomatoes.

Cherry tomatoes, grape, Roma, plum, or pear tomatoes, or other similar types are exempted from marking requirements as to size. It is permissible for the cartons to have no size markings. If the cartons are marked “Small,” “Medium,” “Large,” or “Extra Large” these markings will be ignored as they have no meaning for these types of tomatoes. However, size may be specified in terms of minimum diameter or minimum and maximum diameters expressed in whole inches, and not less than thirty-second inch fractions thereof, in accordance with the facts. If they are marked to a diameter (minimum or minimum and maximum) then compliance with the markings will be determined.

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