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TOMATOES
June 1944 - Oct. 1945

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF

S. T. BRANCH

SUBJECT: Tomato Paste

64/ST6

Tel: Freedom 499

12 October 1945

AC,
Lend Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. In view of the approaching hand over of provision responsibility of the Italian Army to you, we do not wish to enter into new contracts for the manufacture of tomato paste.

2. From our present holdings, we estimate that we can supply approx 50% of your requirements until your own provision action becomes effective. Will you please state whether you will be able to accept responsibility for the additional provisioning action required or if you will require an equivalent hand over of Jam.

S & T. MMIA.

Read

File ST1

KRN 18/10
Major-General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

- Spoke to Col Durlow on 18/10
- In view of unsettled policy at present, we will hold firm unless we see until more definite policy established
KRN

Can we get names of ST Contractors and then pass on to MOW. so that they may make contracts ahead. When Allied Sources furnish, MOW may say that they are unable to make contracts then.

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TRANSLATION BY LT. W.R. TREVELYAN

From : Ministry of War Ref 16412/3/1 dated 4 Sept 45.
To : All Commissariat Directorates and Sections
Info : M.M.I.A. (ref ST/127 dated 27 Aug)

SUBJECT :- British provided Tomato paste.

M.M.I.A. has informed us in its letter ST/127 dated 27 Aug that a quantity of tomato paste (300 Tons) will be despatched from British sources, packed in lacquered blackplate, 16 pound cans (4 cans per case), and will have a warranty of 4 months from date of packing.

The following markings will appear on cases :-

a) on one side of case :

Tomato Paste.

I.A.

C I R I O

Packed Aug 45

N.W. 64 lbs

AFST/123

b) on the other side :

Concentrato di

Pomodoro

32%

I.A.

Does this agree with ours?
KRI

DAOS KRN 6/9

SCS Ans 7/9

No markings will appear on the tins except that at one end the word " CIRIO " appears.

Another quantity (250 Tons) of tomato paste will be in barrels of approximately 50 Kgs. The warranty period for tomato paste packed in accordance with the above will be 12 months.

Supplies of tomato paste will be received in releases, normally Genoa, Mestre, Ancona and Bari Distribution Depots.

Addressees will see that the paste is issued before the date of the expiring of the warranty.

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Sgd/ Dr LAUNI.
for the Minister.

S & T, MMIA.

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~~XXXX~~ P.M. 3800, li 4 settembre 1945



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI
COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione Suss., ze *Sc.* I.
Prot. N. 16412/S/1 *Allegati*

ALLE DIREZ. DI COMM./TO DEI C/DI
MILIT. TERRIT./LI (tutte)

LORO SEDI

Richiesta al Regio del
Dir. Sc. N.

OGGETTO salsa di pomodoro da fonti britanniche

ALLE SEZIONI DI COMM./TO MILIT. (tutte)

S.T.
LORO SEDI

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
(Rif. ST/127 del 27 agosto 1945)

R O M A

La Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.), con foglio ST/127 in data 27 agosto scorso, ha comunicato che un quantitativo di salsa di pomodoro (300 tonn.) sarà spedito da fonti britanniche contenuto in barattoli di lamiera verniciata da 16 libbre (4 barattoli per cassa), che avranno una garanzia di 4 mesi dalla data della confezione. Sulle casse compariranno le seguenti scritte:

a) su una parte della cassa:

Tomato Paste

I.A.

CIRIO

Packed Aug 45

N.W. 64 lbs

AFST/123

b) su un'altra parte:

Concentrato di

Pomodoro

32%

I.A.

Nessun contrassegno esiste sui barattoli ad eccezione della parola "CIRIO" su una parte della cassa.

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ALLE SEZIONI DI COM/FO MILIT. (tutte)

IOLO SEDI

e, per conoscenza:

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(Rif. ST/127 del 27 agosto 1945)

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Tomato Paste

I.A.

CIRIO

Packed Aug 45

N.W. 64 lbs

AFST/123

b) su un'altra parte:

Concentrato di

Pomodoro

32%

I.A.

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Nessun contrassegno esiste sui barattoli ad eccezione della parola "CIRIO" su una parte delle estremità.

Un altro quantitativo (250 tonn.) di salsa di pomodoro sarà rifornito imballato in fusti da circa 50 Kg. ed il periodo della sua garanzia sarà di 12 mesi.

Le forniture di salsa di pomodoro saranno ricevute normalmente dai Depositi di Genova, Mestre, Bari e dal Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri di Ancona.

Si pregano gli enti in indirizzo di voler disporre perchè la derata sia messa in distribuzione entro i termini di garanzia predetti.

P. IL MINISTRO
f/to Pelligra

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

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A SUBJECT:- Tomato Paste - Ex British Sources.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/127

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- ALL MEMA IO's.
DST, AFHQ (your AFHQ/32/33/ST6(c) of
25 Aug 45 refers).

27 Aug 45.

1. A quantity of Tomato Paste (300 tons) to be received from British sources, packed in lacquered blackplate, 16 pound cans (4 cans per case) will have a warranty of four months from date of packing.

2. The following markings will appear on cases:-

(a) On one side of case:

Tomato Paste
I.A.
CIRIO
Packed Aug 45
N.W. 64 lbs.
AFST/125

(b) On the other side:

Concentrato di
Pomodoro
325
I.A.

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No markings appear on the tins except that at one end the word "CIRIO" appears.

3. It is requested that you publicize this data to all commands in order that Tomato Paste packed in accordance with above may receive priority of issue from your depots.

4. Another quantity (250 tons) of Tomato Paste will be in barrels of approximately 50 kilograms. The warranty period for Tomato Paste packed in accordance with the above will be twelve (12) months.

5. Supplies of Tomato Paste will be received in releases, normally, GENOA, MESTRE, ANCONA and BARI (our ST/182 of 31 July 45 and your letter 14615/S/1 of 11 Aug 45 refer).

6. Please furnish this HQ with a copy of your instructions by 2 Sept. 45.

Tomato Paste
I.A.
CIRIO
Packed Aug 45
N.W. 64 lbs.
AFST/123

(b) On the other side:

Concentrato di
Pomodoro
32%
I.A.

2702

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6. Please furnish this HQ with a copy of your instructions by 2 Sept. 45.

Will advise you that instructions have been received

K Robert Heben

KRM/gmc

ADST, Land Forces Staff
Lt. Col. RASC.
Comm. AC. (MIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S.T. BRANCH.

Subject:- Tomato Paste - Italian Armed Forces.

A.D.S.T.,
Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.).

AFHQ/32/33/ST6(c).

Tel: FREEDOM 295.

25 Aug 45.

Reference your ST/127 dated 18 Aug 45 and subsequent telephone conversation (Lt. Col. Penrose - Major Sutton speaking).

1. It is confirmed that you will accept Tomato Paste in lacquered blackplate, with warranty of four months from date of packing.
2. The following markings appear on the cases containing Tomato Paste:-

(a) On one side of case:

Tomato Paste
I.A.
CIRIO
Packed Aug 45
N.W. 6 1/4 lbs.
AFST/123

(b) On the other side:

Concentrato di
Pomodoro
32%
I.A.

No markings appear on the tins except that at one end the word "CIRIO" appears.

ADST

DADS

KR 27/8

S & T, M.M.A.

Recd 27 Aug

File ST/ 127

Major General.,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

g. h. [signature]
Major General.,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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SUBJECT:- Tomato Paste - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/127

D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- Senior WD Analyst
HQ 14 GRASC (Sup Units).

18 Aug 45.

Ref your AFHQ/32/33/ST6(c) of 16 Aug 45.

1. The Italian Ministry of War is not anxious to receive tomato paste, tinned as per paras 1(b), 3 and 4.
2. The War Ministry has reported that tins, of this description, 'dome' before the expiration of warranty dates thus causing suspicion before the warranty date is reached.
3. If there is no alternative, please furnish data concerning the type of tins, markings, etc, in order that the Ministry of War can publicize data to its lower commands for priority of issue.

Further at (36)

KRM/gmc

K. Robert Wilson
for Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.).

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ST BRANCH

SUBJECT :- Tomato Paste

AFHQ/32/33/ST6(c).

TEL : FREEDOM 295.

16 Aug 45.

ADST,
MMIA.

1. 550 tons of Tomato Paste is at present being manufactured for the Italian Armed Forces as follows :-

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Manufacture</u>	<u>Warranty</u>
(a) 250 tons	Arrigoni	Cesena	Aug, Sept, Oct.,	12 months
(b) 300 tons	Cirio	Naples	between 15 Aug and 30 Sept 45.	12 months

2. Paste manufactured under (a) above will be in barrels of approximately 50 kilos.

3. Barrels are not available for production under (b) and this quantity is being packed in lacquered blackplate, 16 lb. cans (4 cans per case). Samples have been examined by the Senior W.D. Analyst who is of the opinion that this product cannot be for a warranty period of 12 months. The maximum warranty recommended by the Senior W.D. Analyst is 4 months.

/ guaranteed

4. It is assumed that you will be able to arrange early issue of parcel (b), and that it will be acceptable in the blackplate pack referred to in para 3 above, with a maximum warranty of 4 months from date of manufacture.

5. Please confirm.

ADST
DAOS
SCS

KRN 15/8
20/8

yes, we can accept so long as there is some recognizable characteristic for depot - to set priority firms J.H. Perkins Ltd.
Major General.
Director of Supplies & Transport.

Copy to: Senior W. D. Analyst.

HQ. 14 GRASS (Supply Units) for Capt. Malcolm. RASC.

*S & T. MMIA.

Recd 18 Aug

File ST/127

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SUBJECT:- Tomato Paste Requirements.

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Dirce. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/92

(32)
16 Nov 44.

Reference your 1233/E/1 dated 10 Nov 44.

1. The requirements of Tomato Paste will be maintained from Allied Authorities as heretofore.

STC/30

B. L. Perceval
B.L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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"S. & T. MIAA.

Subject: Tomato Paste needs Food

File ST/ 9Y

On the seventh of this month this Ministry was invited to participate in a conference held at the Food General Directorate ~~to~~ to fix the needs of tomato paste for the Armed Forces up to and including August 1945. *Action at 33*

In the conference, at which the preserving industrialists were also present, these were invited to make direct contact with this Ministry for the supply of 22,000 quintals of preserve, subject to the approval, as far as the amount is concerned, of the Economic Sub Commission A.C.C.

As this Ministry had never made any bid for preserve to the Food General Directorate while the needs had been given ~~known~~, instead, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to you (Letter 10619/S/1 of 3 Oct. 44., we would like to know whether the supply must be seen to by us with acquisitions made through the Food General Directorate, or whether the allied authorities will see to it as in the past.

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DADS
Reply that we will
take action 2697 the first

GL.

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Div. Suss. ze

A. di Ric. 12331/S/14. Sped.

Allegati

OGGETTO : Fabbisogno concentrato di pomodoro.-

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Ricevuto P. M. 151 10 NOV. 1944 ✓

Al LA M. M. I. A.

ROMA

Risposta al Foglio N. 2
del

Il 7 corrente questo Ministero è stato invitato a partecipare ad una riunione tenuta presso la Direzione Generale dell'Alimentazione allo scopo di fissare il fabbisogno di concentrato di pomodoro per le FF. AA. fino a tutto agosto 1945.-

Nella riunione, alla quale hanno partecipato gli industriali conservieri, questi sono stati invitati a prendere diretti contatti con questo Ministero per la fornitura di 22.000 quintali di conserva salvo approvazione, per quanto riguarda il quantitativo, della Sottocommissione economica dell'A.C.C.-

Poichè nessuna richiesta di conserva era stata fatta da questo Ministero alla Direzione Generale dell'Alimentazione mentre il fabbisogno era stato segnalato, invece, a codesta Missione (foglio 10619/S/1 del 3 ottobre c.a.) si desidera conoscere se al rifornimento deve provvedere lo scrivente con acquisti tramite la Direzione Generale dell'Alimentazione, oppure provvederanno, come per il passato, le Autorità Alleate.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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P. IL MINISTRO

Felliza



To Galei
To Galei

URGENTISSIMO

51, 11 3 ottobre 44.

Ministro della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

- Divisione Sussistenze -

124. 10619 18/2. 1944
Allegati

ROMA

Responsa al Regio V. ST/92
del 29/9/44

OGGETTO : fabbisogno concentrato di pomodoro.
Needs for Tomato Catsup.

ACTIONE (31)

Il fabbisogno per un anno di doppio concentrato di pomodoro risulta dallo specchio seguente, che è stato redatto considerando la forza massima attualmente autorizzata:

	- forza -	- fabbisogno in g.li -
- R. ESERCITO (compres. CC.FR.)	264.000	18.346
- R. MARINA	75.000	3.780
- R. AERONAUTICA	31.000	1.562
totale	470.000	23.688

S & VMMMA.

Recd
14 Sep
1944

P. I. L. MINISTRO

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The needs for a year of Tomato Catsup, double strength, can be seen from the following table, which has been made out in consideration of the maximum strengths now authorized:-

ACTION 21

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<u>totale</u>	<u>470.000</u>	<u>23.688</u>

S & V
Recd
FEB 21 1952

P. I L M I N I S T R O

Valign 2695

The needs for a year of Tomato Catsup, double strength, can be seen from the following table, which has been made out in consideration of the maximum strengths now authorized:-

ARMY (Incl. CC.FR.)	Strength 364,000	needs 18,346 quintals.
R.I.N.	" 75,000	" 3,780 "
R.I.A.F.	" 31,000	" 1,552 "
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strength 470,000</u>	<u>needs 23,688 quintals.</u>

DAYS

Cpl. Cannell - check figures, pl. D.

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Subject:- Tomato Paste.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/92.

Dires. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

29 Sep 44.

1. It has been decided that each of the services must submit their requirements for Tomato Paste for a twelve month period, to be considered against the present availability at the next meeting of the Food Supply Committee.
2. Please notify the requirements of all the Italian Armed Forces to this Headquarters, not later than 4 Oct 44, showing strengths on which your estimate is calculated.

ELM/jo

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Reply at 300/h Cann nap

for P.L. FERCHVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
R.A.A.C.
CMF

Army S/C 26
22/8

LEM/344/17

26 September 44.

SUBJECT : Tomato Paste.

Telephone : ROME 66275

TO : DST AFHQ (your AFHQ/32/14/ST1(X) dated 12 Sept.44 refers)
SOS NATOUSA
ADST Army Sub-Commission.

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1. The entire production of Tomato Paste in ITALY for the present season has been taken over by HQ AOC, and those factories working for them will not be released for the production of tomato paste for other services.
2. After the needs of the civilian population have been catered for there will be an estimated minimum balance of 1200 tons of tomato paste available with effect from 1 Oct.44 until the next crop in August 1945.
3. The entire surplus production of tomato paste was allocated at the thirteenth meeting of the Food Supply Committee for the use of the Italian Armed Forces.
4. As the maintenance responsibility for the Italian Armed Forces is now understood to be divided between ST AFHQ, SOS NATOUSA and MMIA it is considered that the only fair method of allocation is for each of the services above to submit their requirements for a twelve month period to this Section so that total demands can be considered against the availability of 1200 tons at the next meeting of the Food Supply Committee, which will be on the 10 Oct.44.
5. May your requirements in accordance with para.4 above please therefore be submitted to this Section by 6 Oct.44.

ADST
JMS
SJML/rgf

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 28 Sep

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See 30
Adams 2693

A.A. CURRY,
Brigadier,
A.F.L.R.S.

Copy to: HQ AFHQ
AOC Food Sub-Commission.



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

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HMK/sd

31 August 1944

AKC/71-24000

SUBJECT: Processing of Tomato Paste

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn: Lt. Col. OXLEY)

Reference AAI cable G4-433 of 16 August 1944.

1. This will confirm my conversation with you and Major Kauffman this morning, to the effect that all necessary supplies, other than fuel are available to implement the program for the manufacture of tomato paste under which our demands for coal are submitted.

2. AAI have requested the allocation of 100 tons of tomato paste per month to the Italian Armed Forces. In view of the irregular state of the wholesale tomato market and the demands of the Services it cannot be foreseen whether the original processing program planned in March will be realized. Subject to availability it has been agreed with AAI, however, that 100 tons per month of concentrate will be made available for the Italian Armed Forces as a first priority.

3. It is pointed out that any further delay in the allocation of coal might jeopardize the program as packers are reluctant to enter into further contracts for supplies of tomatoes under present ruling conditions. The local conditions are such that if any doubt exists as to supply of the essential materials, packers will not produce for our program.

W. J. Legg
W. J. Legg
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Copy to:

Economic Section

Col. S.G. WHITE, G-4, AAI

Lt. Col. PERCIVAL E. ADST, Army S/C.

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd *V3 Aug*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
A.P.O. 394

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CC/71-2/FOOD

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Tomato Paste

TO : H.Q., AAI
(Attn: Col. S.C. WHITE, G-4)

MAILED	ST
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Date	21/8/44

In reference to your telephone conversation with Major Kauffman of Food Sub-Commission when you were advised that the manufacture of tomato paste in the Naples-Salerno Area was now under way, we are enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to Lt. Col. OXLEY, Transportation Sub-Commission.

"S & T, MMIA.

FOR CAPTAIN STONE, (USNH):

Recd

FM ST/

Copy to:

ADST, Army Sub-Com.
(attn: Lt. Col. Percival)

A. G. ANTONINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

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ST/92.

CANNED TOMATOES.

As a result of previous discussion with the Food Sub Commission ACC (Major Imrie) on this subject, I and Major Gann paid Major Imrie another visit at 0930 hrs on 9 Aug 1944.

The general picture given by Major Imrie was as follows:-

1. The Food Sub Commission, working on the basis of estimated crop yield and canning facilities, worked out a programme for canning 5000 to 7000 tons of peeled tomatoes.

This programme was entirely dependent on the necessary materials being made available to enable the programme to be fulfilled. The materials concerned being tinplate, lacquer, sealing compound, coal for canning plants, etc, etc.

2. At this stage the existence of this projected programme was picked up by the Industry Sub Commission ACC (Export Division) who in turn offered the tomatoes to the Local Resources Board before any confirmation had been given by the Food Sub Commission that the canning programme could be fulfilled.

The Local Resources Board allocated the whole programme to the Italian Armed Forces, the question of export having been dropped.

3. Further negotiations continued to be made by the Food Sub Commission and it eventually became clear that materials for the 5000/7000 ton programme did not exist and would not arrive in time to carry out the programme.

4. Consequently a meeting was held at which Major Kaufmann (Food Sub Commission) and representatives of PBS and EFI were present and it was decided to reduce the programme to produce only 2400 tons of canned tomatoes.

Major Imrie believes the quantity was left at the disposal of PBS/EFI, but Major Kaufmann must confirm this point.

5. The Local Resources Board then enquired what had happened to the original 5000/7000 ton programme and were informed of the reasons necessitating the reduction to 2400 tons.

At this stage Major Imrie suggested the allocation of the canned tomatoes to the Italian Armed Forces be dropped and that tomato paste be allocated to the Italian Armed Forces by the Food Sub Commission.

This suggestion was put forward on the grounds of the reduced size of the programme, the difficulties of ensuring adequate supplies of necessary materials the Italian preference for tomato paste, and the fact that production of tomato paste was already in progress.

6. Major Imrie stated that he was very doubtful that the 2400 ton programme can be fulfilled.

ACC possesses made up cans, sealing compound, etc, to produce 700 tons of canned tomatoes. The balance of 1400 tons is still dependent on securing materials and allocations of coal, so cannot be guaranteed to materialize.

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AGC possesses made up cans, sealing compound, etc., to produce 700 tons of canned tomatoes. The balance of 1400 tons is still dependant on securing materials and allocations of coal, so cannot be guaranteed to materialize.

The only guaranteed quantity is 700 tons.

7. The Food Sub Commission programme for tomato paste envisages a total production for the year of 20,000 tons and Major Imrie is of the opinion that his Sub Commission will be able to allocate up to 180 tons a month to the Italian Armed Forces. This quantity will meet total requirements and if allocated will make it unnecessary to ship tomato catsup from the U.S.A.

He cannot give a definite assurance until the progress of the programme to date has been checked into, the determine the balance remaining to be produced. This Major Imrie will do immediately.

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8. I was unable to see Major Kaufmann (Food Processing) at this time, as he was out, but will see him immediately he returns and get confirmation in detail of the foregoing general remarks.

CONCLUSIONS.

1. In my opinion no canned tomatoes can be relied upon to materialize for Italian Armed Forces.

Such quantities as are produced will be absorbed by bids from other Allied departments and services.

2. We would be better advised to concentrate on getting a full allocation of tomato paste from ACC and drop this item from shipments ex U.S.A.

3. Canned tomatoes are NOT, in any case, a good substitution for high starch content food, such as peas and beans, and calculations of economy in shipping space would seem academic compared with the minimum dietary needs of the Italian troops.

9 Aug 44.
BP/C.W.

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC.,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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TO MMIA

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ROY CR 25 BT
ST/0052 (.) RESTRICTED (.) CONTRACT FOR TOMATO PASTE FOR ITALY
NAVY AND ARMY CANCELLED (.) NO PROVISION ACTION BEING TAKEN
CONFIRM YOU TAKE OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY (.) CITE FHGT
BT TMI 071328B
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MMIA 8 AUG 1944

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ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY
Administrative Echelon
APO 400

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"S & T. MMIA.

SCW/rjs
4 August 1944

MEMO TO: D.C.A.O.

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SUBJECT: Tomato Canning. File ST/

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ADST ✓
DADST INC.

1. The tomato situation is as follows:
2100 tons of tomatoes for canning whole (peeled) have been allocated for the Italian military. This pack to be used as a substitute for dried peas and beans at the rate of 2 for 1, thus saving tonnage from the United States in the shipment of peas and beans. All parties are not in accord as to the wisdom of the substitution in so far as the ration is concerned.
2. ACC has given tentative assurance that Italian military needs of catsup (concentrate or paste) of 5 tons per day can be met, this to be packed in barrels. They are already furnishing, and will continue to furnish, 80 tons per month of this product. On the face it would appear that difficulty in distribution and issue will be experienced by packing the product in large containers such as barrels where the issue must be made to small units in outlying points.
3. At the present time ACC has available sufficient material to can 700 tons of whole tomatoes but are lacking materials for the balance of 1400 tons as indicated in letters of ACC to AAI (LWS) 10 and 18 July 1944, file number ACC-5127-26, and letter of 3 July 1944 ACC to Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, file number ACC-71-2. The necessary materials to can the balance of the 2100 tons of tomatoes amount to 300 tons tin plate and a proportionate amount of other essential materials.
4. Brigadier Anderson, DW, and Colonel Logan-Gray, of Q, have been approached on this as a matter of obtaining necessary tin plate to complete the pack and have given no encouragement as to the availability of plate. Brigadier Anderson informs me that his mill at Castellammare has a capacity of 70 tons per day which does not fulfill present requirements and that his commitments will necessarily be curtailed if the tin plate is ordered.
5. As the packing season is of short duration and will not

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last much longer this pack must start not later than 1 September; immediate action is necessary.

6. The following lines of action are open:

- a. Obtain from S & T the necessary tin plate to pack 2100 tons of whole tomatoes,
- b. Pack 700 tons of whole tomatoes and reduce the remaining 1400 tons to catsup (concentrate or paste) — this to be packed in barrels,
- c. Reduce the entire 2100 tons of tomatoes to catsup, packing as much as possible in the cans allocated for 700 tons of whole tomatoes, with the remainder in barrels. This method facilitates the issue of concentrate or catsup to small units.

7. Under b and c of the foregoing paragraph the original idea of using tomatoes as a substitute for dried peas and beans, thereby saving tonnage, is abandoned.

8. It is recommended that the plan in sub-paragraph 6 c be adopted, in spite of the fact that it will not eliminate the shipment of peas and beans and further that this tomato catsup be in addition to that already being furnished the Italian military by ACC.

SIDNEY C. WHITE, JR.
Lt. Col., O. S. C.
Executive G - 4

200 tons paste
500 tons tomatoes whole
issue:
Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of dehydrated 2686
and issue $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz canned tomatoes

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TOMATOES FOR ITALIAN FORCES.

ST/92.

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Estimated crop 5/7000 tons.
Whole allocated to Italian Forces.
Lack of tin plate for canning by ACC.
DST controls Castellamare plant producing 300,000 sheets a month.
Is the whole of this used in British Army contracts as ACC want to
bid against the production?

Italian War Ministry want 2520 tons in lieu of Tomato Catsup.
only.

Alternatives

Issue in lieu of Catsup at $\frac{1}{2}$ oz a day	=	14,687 lbs a day
Issue in lieu of 1 oz of Peas & Beans at 2 ozs	=	58,750 " " "
Issue in lieu of 2 ozs of Peas & Beans at 4 "	=	117,500 " " "

If tinfoil cannot be obtained, only alternative is to barrel as a
concentrate = Tomato Catsup, which at $\frac{1}{2}$ oz a day for 470,000 gives
2 years supply from 5000 tons.

If issued in lieu of Catsup at $\frac{1}{2}$ oz and part canned for issue at 2 ozs
in lieu of 1 oz of Peas & Beans, we shall obtain about 150 days
supply from 5000 tons.

Speak Col. White - G 4. Filpot 29.

If all has to be barrelled what is position re barrels? Are there
enough?

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Subject:- Canned Tomatoes.

Local Resources Section,
HQ. A.A.I. GMP.

Copy to:- "Q" MHIA.

Army Sub Comm. AGC.
(MHIA), ROME.
ST/92.

27 July 44.

Reference your signal IRS 1729 dated 11 July 44.

1. Unless instructions are received to the contrary Canned Tomatoes will be issued to the Italian Forces in lieu of Tomato Paste only.
2. It is not considered advisable to issue Canned Tomatoes in lieu of Dried Peas, Beans or Lentils due to reduction in calorific value and bulk content of the ration.

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R. L. Perceval
R. L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. AGC.

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TRANSLATION

From: It War Min

7484/S

To : MMIA

25 Jul 44

Subject: Canned Tomatoes

In reply to ST/92 dated July 21, 44.

Please authorize the issue of 2520 tons of canned Tomatoes on the quantity assigned to Italian Armed Forces by the Rations Refurnishment Committee.

The requirement was calculated for the period of 12 months on the basis of a daily strength of 500,000 men and limitedly to the distribution of the foodstuffs in substitution of tomato preserve.

The requirements of canned tomatoes in place of dry vegetables has NOT been calculated inasmuch as we do NOT believe it advisable to substitute a foodstuff, namely vegetables rich in protein with a substitute which would definitively impoverish the Italian soldiers rations of the necessary calories.

In the Italian alimentary habits tomatoes are used in the preparation of foods in order to make the foods more pleasing, but it is NOT used in substitution of vegetables.

3d/ Gen Pelligra.

Write AM

"S & T, MMIA.

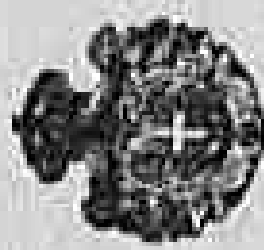
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

N. 3484 / Sd. prot.

Risposta al foglio N. 57/02 del 21 luglio

Carte annesse

P. M. 107, h. 25 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Pomodori in scatola.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C.

R O M A

Sì prega voler autorizzare la cessione di 2.520 (due milacinquecentoventi) tonnellate di pomodori in scatola sui quantitativi assegnati alle F.F.A. Italiane del Comitato Rifornimenti viventi.-

Il fabbisogno è stato calcolato per il periodo di 12 mesi sulla base di una ferma giornaliera di 500.000 uomini e limitatamente alla distribuzione delle derrate in sostituzione della conserva di pomodoro.-

Non è stato calcolato il fabbisogno di pomodori in scatola al posto dei legumi secchi in quanto non si ritiene opportuno costituire una derrata, quale appunto i legumi, ricca di proteine con un surrogato che in definitiva depaupererebbe la razione del soldato italiano delle calorie necessarie.-

Nelle abitudini alimentari italiane il pomodoro 2084} nella confezione dei cibi solo per renderli maggiormente graditi ma non viene usato in sostituzione dei legumi.-

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sostituire una derrata, quale appunto i legumi, ricca di proteine
con un surrogato che in definitiva depauperrebbe la razione del
soldato italiano delle calorie necessarie.-

Nelle abitudini alimentari italiane il pomodoro 2033
nella confezione dei cibi solo per renderli maggiormente graditi
ma non viene usate in sostituzione dei legumi.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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Subject:- Canned Tomatoes.

Army Sub Comm. AGC.
(MILA), ROME.
ST/92.

Dir. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

21 July 44.

1. At the Food Supply Committee held on 11 July 1944, the entire estimated production of Canned Tomatoes between 5,000 and 7,000 Tons was allocated for the use of the Italian Armed Forces.
2. Would you please inform this Office of the exact amounts you intend taking against this allocation in order that any remaining surplus can be allocated among other interested Services.
3. It is pointed out that Canned Tomatoes will be issued in lieu of Tomato Catsup on the New Single Ration Scale at the scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz per man per day.
4. Canned Tomatoes may also be issued in substitution of Dried Peas or Beans at the scale of 2 ozs Canned Tomatoes to 1 oz Dried Peas or Beans.
5. The issue of above to take effect as soon as stocks are delivered and distributed to the Depots under your Command.

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Reply at 14
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B.L. FERGIVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. AGC.

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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION

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REF:- 17/29/LR

HQ AAI
GIF

19 JULY 1944

TO : A.D.S.T.,
Army Sub-Commission A.C.C., Main HQ MELA

SUBJECT:- Canned Tomatoes

1. At the Food Supply Committee Meeting held on 11 JULY 1944 the entire estimated production of canned tomatoes - 5,000/7,000 tons - was allocated for the use of the Italian Armed Forces.
2. May this Section please be informed of the exact amounts you intend taking against this allocation in order that any remaining surplus can be allocated among other interested Services.

John C. Ramsden
JOHN C. RAMSDEN,
Major, Infantry,
Local Resources Section.

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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION

REF:- 17/29/LR

HQ AAI
CMF

19 JULY 1944

TO : A.D.S.T.,
Army Sub-Commission A.C.C., Main HQ MMIA

SUBJECT:- Canned Tomatoes

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JOHN C. RAMSDEN,
Major, Infantry,
Local Resources Section.

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ST/92

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In Reply to Number

LRS 11210 Confidential for FHRS From les Pref flwup of Coo59 dated
15 tube canned tomatoes is subject of entire estimated
production today allocated for purchase by Italian army
STATE substitution canned tomatoes for dried
BEANS ~~or peas~~ would materially reduce caloric value
and bulk content of ration if purchase considered

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H.Q., A.A.I.
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION.
C.M.F.

REF: 17/29/LR

TO : Army Sub Comm., A.C.O.,
Main HQ., MIA.
LEQUITE. (LECCE).

SUBJECT: Tomatoes - Canned.

1. Reference your ST/92 undated.
2. In view of para 2 of the above mentioned communication, a bid will be submitted on your behalf to the Food Supply Committee for the total 5000 - 7000 tons of Tomatoes; acceptance being subject to medical approval.
3. With reference to para 3 of your letter, you are referred to AFHQ Teleprint F 60059 of 15 June, which supplies all the information at present to hand.
4. As far as is known the canning programme allows for canning of the total quantity and no mention has been made of barrelling or any other preserving process.

ST/92

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Lieut. Colonel,
A.Q.M.G.,
Local Resources Section.

SUBJECT: Tomatoes - Canned.

Army Sub Comm, AGC,
Main HQ, MIA,
LORVILLE, (LORGE).
ST/92.

1 July 44.

H.Q. A.A.I. (Rear Adm Ech)
Local Resources Section.

Copy to: "Q" MIA.
Maj. Rose.

Your 17/29/LR of 20 Jun 44 refers.

1. For issue in lieu of Tomato Catsup at a scale of 1/2 oz. per man per day, the daily requirement of canned tomatoes for the Italian Army would be approximately 5 tons.

This is based on future estimated strength of about 370,000 plus, which figure is exclusive of Italian Navy.

5,000 tons would therefore last about 360 days and the economy in import shipping space would amount to 130 odd net tons a month only.

2. Canned Tomatoes could be issued in substitution of Dried Beans or Peas on a 2 to 1 basis.

Daily requirement would be approximately 22 tons.

Economy in import shipping space would amount to about 660 net tons a month.

Such a substitution would materially reduce the calorific value of the Italian Army ration and, further, would reduce the bulk content of the ration.

This course is not recommended therefore, but if considered in the interests of shipping economy, the advice of the Allied medical authorities should be sought before any action is taken.

3. It is not clear from your subject letter if the primary ²⁶⁷⁷ object is to use a perishable commodity to the best advantage, or to economise in shipping space by substitution for existing ration scale items.

If the former, then it is recommended the tomatoes be made available to the Italian Army in part substitution of Fresh Vegetables. The Italian Army would therefore pay for the tomatoes from their own funds.

4. You refer to 5,000 to 7,000 tons of ^{canned} tomatoes. In view of the known shortage of tinplate and canning facilities is this strictly correct?

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2. Canned Tomatoes could be issued in substitution of Dried Beans or Peas on a 2 to 1 basis.
Daily requirement would be approximately 22 tons.
Economy in import shipping space would amount to about 560 net tons a month.
Such a substitution would materially reduce the calorific value of the Italian Army ration and, further, would reduce the bulk content of the ration.
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4. You refer to 5,000 to 7,000 tons of ^{canned} tomatoes. In view of the known shortage of tinplate and canning facilities is this strictly correct?
It is thought probable that only a small proportion will be canned and that the balance may be barreled.
If this be so, barreled tomatoes can be expected to require a quicker turnover to consumption than the canned variety.

B.L. PERCIVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADMT, Army Sub Comm. ACC.

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(8) (9) See (10) LRS about 5000/7000 tons.

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TO *MMIA INFO FILPOT*
FROM *ACC. MAIN from LEGG*

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In Reply to Number

<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Owing</i>	<i>acute</i>	<i>shortage</i>	<i>canning</i>	<i>materials,</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>price</i>	<i>commitments</i>	<i>canned</i>	<i>tomatoes</i>	<i>mill</i>
<i>All</i>	<i>surplus</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>current</i>	<i>requirements</i>	<i>Car</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>preserved</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>barrels</i>		
<i>6794</i>	<i>af</i>	<i>27 June</i>			

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ACTION SLIP.

TO: "AQ"

ST/62.

Following calculations are based on 5,000 tons Id Tomatoes, and new single ration scale.

1. At 1 1/2 oz. wt for wt as Tomato Cateup.
 - a. Based on present strength which includes Navy. (Figures taken from A-2/27, 21 Jun)

b. Daily requirements	476,701 str.
c. 5,000 tons will last for	14,897 lbs.
	751 days.
 - d. Based on estimated future strength of 444,300 (less Navy at 73,536) Strength

e. Daily requirements	370,964 str.
f. 5,000 tons will last for	11,593 lbs.
	966 days.
2. The following figures are calculated, using 26 Tomatoes in lieu of 1 oz. Dd Beans or Peas.

At 2 oz. in lieu of 1 oz. Dd Beans or Peas.

 - g. Based on present strength which includes Navy

h. Daily requirements	476,701 str.
i. 5,000 tons will last for	99,587 lbs.
	187 days.
 - j. Based on est. future strength, less Navy.

k. Daily requirements	370,964 str.
l. 5,000 tons will last for	46,370 lbs.
	241 days.
3. At (1) plus (2).
 - m. Based on present strength which includes Navy

n. Daily requirements, b. plus H.	476,701 str.
o. 5,000 tons will last for	74,484 lbs.
	150 days.
 - p. Based on est. future strength, less Navy.

q. Daily requirements, e. plus K.	370,964 str.
r. 5,000 tons will last for	57,963 lbs.
	193 days.

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At 1 oz. in lieu of 1 oz. Dd Beans or Peas.

g. Based on present strength which includes Navy = 476,701 str.

h. Daily requirements 59,587 lbs.
i. 5,000 tons will last for 187 days.

j. Based on est. future strength, less Navy.

k. Daily requirements 370,964 str.
l. 5,000 tons will last for 46,370 lbs.
241 days.

3. At (1) plus (2).

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n. Daily requirements, b. plus h. 74,484 lbs.
c. 5,000 tons will last for 150 days.

o. Based on est. future strength, less Navy.

q. Daily requirements, e. plus k. 370,964 str.
r. 5,000 tons will last for 57,563 lbs.
193 days.

27 Jun 44.
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RESTRICTED (.) For Food Subcommission (.) Understand from AFLES that five thousand tons tostones are available for Italian Armed Forces during August if you can arrange for clearing rpt coming (.) in view urgent need to save shipping space and necessity using all ~~xxx~~ possible local resources request you investigate and report your views earliest

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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
HQ AAI (REAR ADM ECHELON)
APO 400

In reply refer to
17/29/LR.

SUBJECT : Tomatoes.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C.,
Army Sub-Commission.

20 JUNE 44.

ST/6294

1. Food Sub-Commission, ACC, indicate that up to 7,000 tons of Canned Tomatoes will be available to the Armed Forces.
2. It has been suggested by AFHQ that this entire crop be allocated to the Italian Army. Will you please indicate the amount required for the Italian Army as a normal ration item and the additional amount acceptable as a substitute for other items in the ration scale.
3. It will be noted that the 5,000 to 7,000 tons of tomatoes is the total amount that will be available during the entire season. There will be no additional canned tomatoes available until next season.

JCR/lvw

COPY TO:

AFIRS, AFHQ.

JOHN C. RAMSDEN,
Major, Infantry,
Local Resources Section.

Reply at 2673

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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
HQ AAI (REAR ADM ECHELON)
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In reply refer to
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Subject: Tomatoes

20 June 44.

To : H.Q. A.C.C.
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(Sgd) JOHN C. RAMSDEN,
Major, Infantry,
Local Resources Section.

COPY TO:-

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Message Instructions **GR** **Ad 18 June**

RESTRICTED (*) CANNED TOMATOES IS SUBJECT (*) ENTIRE QUANTITY CANNED TOMATOES SHOULD BE PURCHASED BY ITALIAN ARMY (*) CANNED TOMATOES CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR OTHER VEGETABLES (*) SHIPMENTS FROM PLEBANK SHOULD BE RECEIVED ACCORDINGLY (*) ADVISE TOTAL QUANTITY ALLOCATED TO ITALIAN ARMY SO NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT MAY BE MADE IN SHIPMENTS FROM PLEBANK (*)

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