

*Indian Standard*

**SPECIFICATION FOR  
TOMATO KETCHUP**

**1. SCOPE**

**1.1** This standard prescribes the requirements and the methods of test for tomato ketchup.

**FOREWORD**

**0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 2 December 1966, after the draft finalized by the Fruits and Vegetables Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.

**0.2** There is usually a glut of tomatoes, when they are in season. Therefore, considerable scope exists for further development of processed tomato products which are in good demand as tomatoes are a rich source of vitamins.

**0.3** Tomato ketchup, also known as ‘catsup’ or ‘catchup’ occupies an important place among processed tomato products. In view of the popular demand for this product, there is scope for its sophistication by substitution by cheaper raw materials, a practice which should be discouraged. Therefore, in order to ensure the quality of the product and also to build up an increasing demand for it, it is necessary to have strict quality control based on specifications. The formulation of this Indian Standard is expected to help exercise this control.

**0.4** In the preparation of this standard, due consideration has been given to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, the Rules framed thereunder and the Fruits Products Order, 1955. This standard is subject to the restrictions imposed under these, wherever applicable.

**0.5** A scheme for labelling environment friendly products known as ECO-Mark has been introduced at the instance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF), Government of India. The ECO-Mark shall be administered by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the *BIS Act*, 1986 as per the Resolution No. 71 dated 20 February 1991 and Resolution No. 425 dated 28 October 1992 published in the Gazette of the Government of India. For a product to be eligible for marking with the ECO-Mark it shall also carry the Standard Mark of BIS for quality besides meeting additional environment friendly (EF) requirements. The environment friendly requirements for tomato ketchup are, therefore, included through Amendment No. 1 to this standard.