# Chile: World Processing Tomato Congress

**This is the 8th largest exporter of processed tomatoes, canned and pulp, and the first in South America. Minister of Agriculture, Carlos Furche participated in the opening of the twelfth edition of the World Congress of Tomato Processing, organized by the World Council of Tomato Processing, an organization that brings together more than 25 producing countries representing 95% of all producers processed tomato world.**

On the occasion, the Secretary of State highlighted Chile's potential as an exporter of food and emphasized the government's commitment to protecting the heritage phytosanitary and zoosanitary, allowing maintain competitive a sector that is to challenge the power to increase productivity at the field level, advancing mechanization of crops allowing farmers and incorporate more acreage.

"Processed tomato production in Chile is an activity that is growing and has enormous potential. The demand for fresh and processed in the world tomato increases every day and in the case of Chile are 10,000 hectares devoted to production, generating more than 10,000 jobs both direct and indirect and US $ 130 million in exports, which places Chile as the world's eighth largest exporter of

processed tomato. This is one of the most dynamic sectors of our agricultural industry and all this is that Chile has great potential as a producer and exporter of food in the coming years will grow in absolute terms and helps consolidate Chile as a major producer food, "said Furche.

Finally, one of the challenges that the sector is to expand into new markets, particularly in Asia Pacific where demand has been growing at the highest rates, and consolidate current markets, where demand is also expected to increase in the short and medium term.

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