

**DRUGS ACTIONABLE BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL DANGER WHEN USED
ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS**

3181. Misbranding of methyl testosterone tablets. U. S. v. Louis Needman (West Coast Prescription Pharmacy). Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$50. (F. D. C. No. 28204. Sample Nos. 31524-K, 31527-K.)

INFORMATION FILED: March 27, 1950, Southern District of California, against Louis Needman, trading as the West Coast Prescription Pharmacy, Los Angeles, Calif.

INTERSTATE SHIPMENT: Between the approximate dates of December 22, 1948, and June 15, 1949, from the State of New Jersey into the State of California.

ALLEGED VIOLATION: On August 4 and 8, 1949, while the drug was being held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce, the defendant removed a number of *methyl testosterone tablets* from the bottle in which they had been shipped in interstate commerce and repacked them in a small bottle and sold them without a prescription; also, on August 8, the defendant sold a number of *methyl testosterone tablets* in the bottle in which they had been shipped in interstate commerce, after first relabeling the bottle, and sold them without a physician's prescription, which acts of the defendant resulted in the repackaged and relabeled tablets of drug being misbranded.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 502 (j), the article was dangerous to health when used in the dosage and with the frequency prescribed, recommended, and suggested in its labeling, in that each tablet contained 10 milligrams of methyl testosterone and the use of a drug containing 10 milligrams of methyl testosterone in each tablet with the frequency prescribed, recommended, and suggested in the labeling, namely, as directed on the labels, "1-2 linguets daily" and "1-2 daily," would be dangerous to health since such use of the article may result in sterility and would stimulate the growth of carcinoma of the prostate gland; and, Section 502 (f) (1), the labeling of the article failed to bear adequate directions for use in that there was no statement in the labeling of any condition, disease, or function for which the article was to be used.

DISPOSITION: May 22, 1950. A plea of nolo contendere having been entered, the court imposed a fine of \$50.

3182. Misbranding of Gattis worm oil. U. S. v. 120 Bottles * * *. (F. D. C. No. 29216. Sample No. 72940-K.)

LIBEL FILED: May 23, 1950, Western District of Kentucky.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about April 19, 1950, by the Gattis Chemical Co., from Nashville, Tenn.

PRODUCT: 120 1-ounce bottles of *Gattis worm oil* at Owensboro, Ky. Examination disclosed that the product had the composition stated on its label.

LABEL, IN PART: "Gattis Worm Oil Each Fluid Ounce Contains: 22 Mins. Oil Worm Seed 12 Mins. Chloroform 421 Mins. Castor Oil, Turpentine, Combined With Aromatics. Directions: Children 2 to 5 Years Old, One-Half Teaspoonful; 5 to 10 Years Old, One Teaspoonful; Adults, One And A Half Teaspoonfuls. One Dose Morning And Night (May Be Given For 2 Or 3 Days If Necessary)."