

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 341, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF ROQUEFORT CHEESE.

On or about January 2, 1909, The McLaren Imperial Cheese Company, of Detroit, Mich., shipped from the State of Michigan to the State of Illinois 25 cases, each case being labeled "Two Dozen Small Jars McLaren's Roquefort Cheese," each jar labeled "McLaren's Roquefort," and containing the picture of a goat between the words, and below the word "Roquefort," in exceedingly small type, "Manufactured and Blended in the United States." Analyses of samples of this shipment showed that the product was misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. As the findings of the analyst and report made showed that the above shipment was liable to seizure under section 10 of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. In due course a libel was filed against the said 25 cases of cheese, charging that the product was misbranded, in that the said cases and jars of cheese contained therein bore a label which would lead the purchaser to believe that the product consisted of a pure Roquefort cheese, imported from Roquefort, France, and made wholly from goats' milk, whereas, in truth and in fact, an analysis of the sample showed that the product did not consist of pure imported Roquefort cheese, that it was not made in France, and that it did not have the character or properties of Roquefort cheese.

On March 4, 1909, the McLaren Imperial Cheese Company entered an appearance and filed an answer to the aforesaid libel, and the case coming on for hearing, the court rendered its decree of condemnation and forfeiture, and ordered that the goods be released to the claimant on payment of costs and the filing of a bond conditioned that the said goods should not be disposed of contrary to the laws of the United States, or the laws of any State, Territory, or insular possession.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 12, 1910.*

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