

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 447, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

ADULTERATION OF OYSTERS.

On or about January 10, 1910, D. B. Decker, South Norwalk, Conn., shipped from the State of Connecticut to the State of Illinois twenty barrels of oysters. Analysis of samples of this product made by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed it to be adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. As it appeared from the findings of the analyst and report made that the product 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 twenty barrels of oysters charging the above shipment and alleging that said product was adulterated within the meaning of the act, in that the oysters in the barrels composing the shipment aforesaid contained added poisonous and other deleterious ingredients which rendered the said oysters injurious to health, and further, that the said oysters consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On May 9, 1910, no answer having been filed to the libel the case came on for a final hearing, and the court decreed the condemnation and destruction of the product in question.

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 23, 1910.*

