

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1153.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

MISBRANDING OF PAPRIKA.

On January 14, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against McCormick & Co., a corporation, of Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about March 11, 1910, from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of so-called pure paprika, which was misbranded. The product was labeled: On the end of the container: "6 lbs. net Pure Paprika No. 7117. Packed by McCormick & Co., Importers & Grinders Pure Spices, Baltimore, Md." On two sides it was labeled: "Bee & Banquet Brands Pure Food Products, Teas, Spices & Extracts. Awarded Gold Medal, Jamestown Exposition."

Analysis of a sample of said product by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the following results:

	Per cent.
Loss at temperature of boiling water in air.....	7.52
Ash, total.....	8.20
Ash, insoluble in 10 per cent HCl.....	.97
Ether extract, total (continuous extraction, 16 hours).....	20.10
Ether extract, nonvolatile (Winton method).....	18.45
Iodin number of nonvolatile ether extract.....	114.31
Nitrogen.....	2.17
Protein (N. \times 6.25).....	13.60
Crude fiber.....	18.77

Color: No coal tar color detected.

Microscope: No adulteration detected.

Analysis indicates that a foreign oil (probably olive) to the extent of 7 to 10 per cent has been added.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that said product was represented on the label to be pure paprika, which statement was false and misleading and calculated to deceive the purchaser because the

product was not pure paprika but contained a quantity of added foreign oil.

On June 14, 1911, the defendant pleaded nolo contendere and was fined 50 cents.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 3, 1911.*

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