

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1567.

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

ADULTERATION OF SARDINES.

On July 16, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 798 cases of sardines, remaining unsold and in the original unbroken packages, in the possession of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Co., at its freight house, Galveston, Tex., alleging that the product was transported on or about the 9th day of April, 1911, by the Eastport Sardine Co., Eastport, Me., from the State of Maine into the Territory of New Mexico, and thereafter, on June 7, 1911, reshipped by the Eastport Sardine Co. from the Territory of New Mexico into the State of Texas, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled: "100 $\frac{1}{4}$ Oil Jubilee Eastport Sardine Co., Eastport, Me." "Jubilee Brand American Sardines in cotton seed oil, packed by the Eastport Sardine Company, Eastport, Me. Guaranty Legend, Serial No. 21197."

Adulteration was charged in the libel for the reason that the product "being decomposed and putrid, makes the said sardines deleterious, and may render the same injurious to health."

On February 1, 1912, no claimant having appeared for the property, decree of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was further ordered that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1912.

