

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1626.

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

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### ADULTERATION OF TOMATO CATSUP.

On January 26, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the National Pickle & Canning Co., a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on November 30, 1910, from the State of Missouri into the State of Tennessee, of a consignment of tomato catsup which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Premium Brand Tomato Catsup 1/10 of 1% Benzoate of Soda Dodson Braun Branch National Pickle & Canning Co., St. Louis, Mo."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Yeasts and spores, 130 per one-sixtieth cmm; bacteria, 130,000,000 per cc; mold filaments in 73 per cent of the fields. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that the product consisted in large part and to an injurious extent of filthy and putrid animal and vegetable substances.

On March 21, 1912, a plea of guilty was entered by the defendant company and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 20, 1912.*

