

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1648.

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

ADULTERATION OF POTTED FISH PASTE.

On February 5, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Meyer & Lange, a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on August 31, 1910, from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts, of a consignment of potted fish paste which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Peck's perfect Potted fish Anchovy Paste, Prepared only by Harry Peck and Co., Ltd., Snow Hill, London. Pecks Archer Brand Reg."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Boric acid, 0.19 per cent; oxide of iron (Fe_2O_3), 0.13 per cent; total ash, 15.96 per cent; common salt, 14.36 per cent; ash, exclusive of salt, 1.60 per cent; water-insoluble ash, 1.28 per cent; acid-insoluble ash, 0.05 per cent. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that the product contained an added deleterious ingredient, to wit, boric acid, which might render it injurious to health.

On April 1, 1912, a plea of guilty was entered by the defendant corporation and after hearing all the facts the court suspended sentence.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 24, 1912.*