

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1746.

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

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VINEGAR.

On April 30, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, 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 West Coast Grocery Co., a corporation, Tacoma, Wash., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about May 2, 1911, from the State of Washington into the Territory of Alaska, of a consignment of so-called apple cider vinegar which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Narada Apple Cider Vinegar Made by Northern Pickle Co. Seattle Tacoma \* \* \*".

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Acid, as acetic, 3.71 grams per 100 cc.; volatile acid, as acetic, 3.63 grams per 100 cc. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith in such a manner as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength; and further that a substance, to wit, water, had been substituted wholly or in part for the genuine article. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the label upon the product was false and misleading, such product being labeled "Apple Cider Vinegar," thereby purporting that it was genuine apple cider vinegar of standard quality, whereas in truth and in fact it was a mixture of apple cider vinegar and water; and further, that the product was misbranded so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser, being labeled "Apple Cider Vinegar," thereby purporting that it was genuine apple cider vinegar, conforming to the standard of such article, whereas in truth and in fact it was a mixture of apple cider vinegar and water.

On May 22, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 14, 1912.