

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1798.

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

MISBRANDING OF COFFEE.

At the May, 1912, term of the District Court of the United States for the District of Indiana the grand jurors of the United States within and for said district, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, returned an indictment against John B. Bright & Son (Ltd.), a corporation, Indianapolis, Ind., charging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on August 21, 1911, from the State of Indiana into the State of Ohio, of a quantity of coffee which was misbranded. The product was labeled: "Bourbon Santos Blend Boco Coffee Packed for G. W. Bobb Co., Columbus, Ohio."

Examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed it to be a low grade Santos. Misbranding was charged in the indictment for the reason that the statement "Bourbon Santos Blend Boco Coffee" printed and apparent upon the label on the carton containing the product, regarding it, was false and misleading in that the product was not a Bourbon Santos Coffee nor a blended coffee, but, in fact, was a low grade Santos coffee.

On May 28, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the indictment and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 4, 1912.*

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