

4717. Adulteration of Mexican chili peppers. U. S. * * * v. 50 Bales * * * of Mexican Chili Peppers. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 7170. I. S. No. 12413-1. S. No. C-426.)

On January 24, 1916, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, 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 50 bales, more or less, of Mexican chili peppers, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped on July 24, 1914, by J. Armengol, Texas City, Tex., and transported from the State of Texas into the State of Illinois, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that when it was so shipped as aforesaid it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance, for the further reason that it consisted wholly of a decomposed vegetable substance, for the further reason that it consisted in part of a filthy vegetable substance, and for the further reason that it consisted wholly of a filthy vegetable substance.

On March 1, 1916, the said J. Armengol, claimant, having admitted the material allegations of the libel and consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, but it appearing to the court that the article might be ground up for animal food, it was ordered that the same should be surrendered and delivered to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of bond in the sum of \$1,000, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned, among other things, that the article should be ground up to be used for animal food, under the supervision of the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*