

5157. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. George Thompson and Joseph U. Thompson (George Thompson & Son). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$5. (F. & D. No. 7478. I. S. Nos. 1664-1, 1695-1, 1698-1, 4117-1.)

On July 14, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against George Thompson and Joseph U. Thompson, trading as George Thompson & Son New York, N. Y., alleging shipments by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on December 15, 1915, January 11, 1916, January 19, 1916, and February 2, 1916, from the State of New York into the State of Pennsylvania, of quantities of oysters which were adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article in each shipment by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the presence of added water.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in whole or in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On December 11, 1916, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$5.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*