

**5395. Adulteration of sardines. U. S. \* \* \* v. 12 Cases of Sardines. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 7926. I. S. No. 2835-m. S. No. E-775.)**

On December 18, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, 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 12 cases of sardines, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New Britain, Conn., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about November 2, 1916, by the L. Pickert Fish Co., Boston, Mass., and transported from the State of Massachusetts into the State of Connecticut, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Guerin Brand American Sardines in Oil. Packed by L. Pickert Fish Co., Boston, Mass."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed animal substance.

On January 10, 1917, Lehman Pickert and Leo W. Pickert, trading under the name of the L. Pickert Fish Co., Boston, Mass., claimants, having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be redelivered to said claimants, upon the payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$150, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*