

**5674. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. \* \* \* v. The Pausch Brothers Oyster Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$5. (F. & D. No. 7633. I. S. Nos. 10389-1, 10390-1.)**

On July 24, 1917, 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 The Pausch Bros. Oyster Co., a corporation, Port Chester, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on February 29, 1916 (two shipments), from the State of New York into the State of Minnesota, of quantities of oysters which were adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Weight of drained solids (grams)-----	1,008	1,059
Weight of free liquor (grams)-----	68	67
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	51.2	49.9
<i>Drained oyster meat.</i>		
Total solids (per cent)-----	16.34	16.24
Ash (per cent)-----	.90	.90
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	.05	.02
<i>Free liquor.</i>		
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	.25	.25

These oysters contained 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 part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On July 27, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$5.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*