

5700. Adulteration of grapefruit. U. S. * * * v. Scalzo-Gunn-Fiorita Fruit Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs. (F. & D. No. 7721. I. S. No. 10484-1.)

On November 28, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, 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 Scalzo-Gunn-Fiorita Fruit Co., a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 19, 1915, from the State of Missouri into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of grapefruit which was adulterated. The article was labeled in part, "This fruit is selected and carefully packed."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Fourteen units out of 32 were entirely free from green color.
Balance only very slightly green.

	Entirely yellow fruit.	Slightly green fruit.
Solids (per cent)-----	8.96	8.55
Total acid as citric (per cent)-----	1.44	1.44
Ratio citric acid to solids-----	1:6.2	1:5.9

The results of analysis show that the grape fruit was not fully matured.

Adulteration of [the] article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was colored in a manner whereby its inferiority was concealed.

On November 6, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

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