

6393. Adulteration and misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Union Seed & Fertilizer Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8490. I. S. No. 2059-m.)

On April 5, 1918, the United States attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, 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 Union Seed & Fertilizer Co., a corporation, doing business at Montgomery, Ala., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about March 26, 1917, from the State of Alabama into the State of New York, of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was adulterated and misbranded. The article was guaranteed, in a contract with the purchaser thereof, to contain not less than 36 per cent protein.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed 34.19 per cent protein.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a product containing less than 36 per cent of protein, to wit, approximately 34.19 per cent of protein, had been substituted in whole or in part for 36 per cent protein cottonseed meal, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was food in package form, and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On June 5, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

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