

6432. Adulteration and misbranding of oil of sassafras. U. S. * * * v. 50 Pounds of Alleged Oil of Sassafras. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8625. I. S. No. 13321-p. S. No. C-765.)

On November 28, 1917, 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 a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 50 pounds of alleged oil of sassafras, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about November 13, 1917, by J. B. Johnson, Hickory, N. C., and transported from the State of North Carolina into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that a substance, to wit, synthetic oil, 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 oil of sassafras.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was an imitation of, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of, another article, to wit, oil of sassafras.

On June 29, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

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