

6667. Adulteration of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Planters Cotton Oil Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8772. I. S. No. 19661-m.)

On or about March 26, 1918, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 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 Planters Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, Pine Bluff, Ark., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about December 29, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Indiana, of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was adulterated. The article was sold under a contract calling for "Prime 7½% Ammonia Cottonseed Meal."

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

Ammonia (NH₃) (per cent) _____ 7.0

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that cottonseed meal containing less than 7½ per cent of ammonia had been mixed and packed therewith so as to lower or reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in whole or in part for 7½ per cent ammonia cottonseed meal, which the article purported to be.

On April 15, 1919, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

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