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NOTICES OF JUDGMENT UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

[Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act]

6701. Adulteration and misbranding of olive oil. U. S. * * * v. 8 Cases of Olive Oil. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 9036. I. S. No. 4028-p. S. No. E-1041.)

On May 16, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, 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 8 cases of olive oil, consigned on or about April 30, 1918, alleging that the article had been shipped by Garra & Trusso, New York, N. Y., and transported from the State of New York into the State of Maryland, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Pure Extra Fine Olive Oil."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted almost wholly of cottonseed oil which had been mixed therewith so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for the article.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was labeled and branded so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser, and in that the label contained statements which were false and misleading; and for the further reason that it was an imitation of, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of, another article, to-wit, olive oil.

On July 9, 1918, the Imera Importing Co., Baltimore, Md., claimant, having filed a petition for the release of the product, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be released to said claimant upon the payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$400, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that the product should be properly branded so as to accurately and correctly show that it contained cottonseed oil and other adulterants.

J. R. RIGGS, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*