

19722. Misbranding of coffee. U. S. v. The Early Coffee Co. Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$100. (F. & D. No. 25720. I. S. Nos. 512, 513, 514.)

This action was based on the interstate shipment of quantities of coffee, sample cans of which were found to contain less than the declared weight.

On May 29, 1931, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Early Coffee Co., a corporation, Denver, Colo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act as amended, on or about May 20, 1930, from the State of Colorado into the State of New Mexico, of quantities of coffee that was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Cans) "Early Breakfast Steel Cut Plantation Coffee, Full Pound [or 'Three Pounds'] Net Weight * * * The Early Coffee Co., Denver, Colo."

It was alleged in the information that the article was misbranded and that the statements, "Full Pound Net Weight," borne on a portion of the cans, and the statement "Three Pounds Net Weight," borne on the remainder, were false and misleading, and for the further reason that the article was labeled so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser since the portion of the cans which were labeled as containing 1 full pound net contained less than 1 pound, and the portion of the cans that were labeled as containing 3 pounds net, contained less than 3 pounds. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package, since the statements made were incorrect.

On April 7, 1932, a plea of nolo contendere to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$100.

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19723. Adulteration of tomato puree. U. S. v. 695 Cases of Tomato Puree. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond for reconditioning. (F. & D. No. 26419. I. S. No. 22209. S. No. 4718.)

This action was based on a shipment of tomato puree, samples of which were found to contain excessive mold.

On May 21, 1931, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 695 cases of tomato puree, alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce by Meyer Simon Co., from Long Beach, Calif., to Seattle, Wash., on or about April 14, 1931, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Timpanogos Brand Tomato Puree Packed by Pleasant Grove Canning Company, Pleasant Grove—Orem, Utah."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On July 6, 1932, Morris Muskatel, Seattle, Wash., claimant, having filed claim, stipulation, and answer, admitting the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of the decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be delivered to the said claimant to be reconditioned or segregated under the supervision of this department, upon payment of costs and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$500, conditioned that it should not be sold or disposed of contrary to the provisions of the Federal food and drugs act. In supervising the reconditioning this department required the separation and destruction of the unfit portion.

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19724. Adulteration and misbranding of butter. U. S. v. 11 Cases of Butter. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 27954. I. S. Nos. 50759, 50764. S. No. 5979.)

This action was based on a shipment of butter, samples of which were found to contain less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat, the standard prescribed by Congress.

On or about March 8, 1932, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 11 cases of butter at Chicago, Ill.,