

On November 13, 1933, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

21749. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. 12 Tubs of Butter. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond to be reworked. (F. & D. no. 31308. Sample no. 55778-A.)

This action involved an interstate shipment of butter, samples of which were found to contain less than 80 percent of milk fat, the standard for butter established by Congress.

On October 4, 1933, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 12 tubs of butter at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about September 26, 1933, by James L. Humphrey, Jr., from Humeston, Iowa, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that a product containing less than 80 percent by weight of milk fat had been substituted for butter, a product which should contain not less than 80 percent of milk fat as provided by the act of March 4, 1923.

On October 2, 1933, Hunter, Walton & Co., Chicago, Ill., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the claimant upon payment of costs and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$250, conditioned that it be reworked under the supervision of this Department.

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21750. Adulteration and misbranding of coffee. U. S. v. 4 Drums of Coffee. No claim entered. Verdict for the Government. Decree of condemnation containing provision for delivery of product to a charitable organization. (F. & D. no. 31261. Sample no. 35383-A.)

This case involved a product which was represented to be coffee but which was found to contain approximately 25 percent of cereal and a small amount of chicory.

On October 21, 1933, the United States attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of four drums of coffee at West Monroe, La., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about September 13, 1933, by the Interstate Coffee Co., from Natchez, Miss., and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Special Rio A 1 Roasted and Packed by Interstate Coffee Co., Natchez, Mississippi."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that coffee, cereal, and chicory had been substituted for coffee, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statements on the label, "Special Rio A One" and "Interstate Coffee Co.", were false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was offered for sale under the distinctive name of another article, since it was invoiced as "Special Rio Medium Dark Roast", which implied that the article was coffee.

On November 17, 1933, no claimant having appeared for the property, and a jury having found that the allegations of the libel were true and correct, judgment of condemnation was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be delivered to a charitable organization.

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21751. Adulteration and misbranding of butter. U. S. v. Harry A. Ernster and Raymond J. Ernster (Ernster Bros.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. no. 27495. I.S. no. 25168.)

This case was based on an interstate shipment of butter, samples of which were found to contain less than 80 percent by weight of milk fat, the standard for butter established by Congress.

On May 6, 1932, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the dis-