

On May 7, 1938, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 16½ cans of walnut chips at Seattle, Wash.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about April 2, 1938, from Los Angeles, Calif., by the L. A. Nut House; and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "La-Nut Brand Walnut Chips Manufactured by L A Nut House Los Angeles."

It was alleged to be adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy vegetable substance.

Misbranding was alleged in that the designation "Walnut Chips" was false and misleading and tended to deceive and mislead the purchaser when applied to an article containing other nuts in addition to walnuts.

On June 23, 1938, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

HARRY L. BROWN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

29156. Adulteration of maple sirup. U. S. v. 4 Drums of Maple Sirup. Consent decree of condemnation. Product released under bond for deleading. (F. & D. No. 42418. Sample No. 22734-D.)

This product contained lead.

On May 19, 1938, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of four drums of maple sirup at Chelsea, Mass.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about May 9, 1938, from Sherman, N. Y., by Gordon M. Tice; and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The article was alleged to be adulterated in that it contained an added poisonous or deleterious ingredient, lead, which might have rendered it injurious to health.

On June 22, 1938, the New England Maple Syrup Co., Chelsea, Mass., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond conditioned that it be deleaded.

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29157. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. 150 Tubs of Butter (and 1 similar seizure action). Consent decree of condemnation. Product released under bond for reworking. (F. & D. Nos. 42983, 42990. Sample Nos. 21783-D, 21786-D.)

This product contained less than 80 percent of milk fat.

On June 6 and 13, 1938, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court 2 libels praying seizure and condemnation of 272 tubs of butter at Chicago, Ill.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about May 19 and 30, 1938, from Muskogee, Okla., by Swift & Co.; and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

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

On June 29, 1938, the cases having been consolidated and Swift & Co., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond conditioned that it be reworked to the legal standard.

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29158. Adulteration and misbranding of whitefish caviar. U. S. v. 15 Dozen Cans of Whitefish Caviar (and 11 similar seizure actions). Default decrees of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 42181, 42291, 42343, 42388, 42389, 42390, 42417, 42473, 42474, 43037, 43038, 43039. Sample Nos. 1711-D, 1712-D, 10595-D, 13168-D, 13169-D, 16462-D, 16463-D, 16465-D, 19438-D, 24656-D, 24657-D, 24658-D, 24695-D.)

This product contained parasitic worms, and in some instances other extraneous substances. Certain lots were short weight.

On various dates between April 13 and July 8, 1938, six United States attorneys, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in their respective district courts libels praying seizure and condemnation of 741½

dozen cans and 314 jars of whitefish caviar in various lots at Minneapolis, Minn., Philadelphia, Pa., Hartford, Conn., Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Louis, Mo., and Houston, Tex.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on various dates between October 5, 1937, and April 15, 1938, from New York, N. Y., by the Romanoff Caviar Co.; and charging that the article was adulterated and that a portion of it was also misbranded in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Whitefish Caviar * * * Packed by Hansen Caviar Company New York."

It was alleged to be adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy animal substance.

A portion of the article was alleged to be misbranded in that the following statements, variously appearing on the labels, "16 Oz. Net," "2 Oz. Net," "4 Oz. Net," "1 Oz. Net," and "1½ Oz. Net," were false and misleading and tended to deceive and mislead the purchaser when applied to an article that was short weight; and in that it 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 quantity stated was not correct.

On various dates between May 27 and August 15, 1938, no claimant having appeared, judgments of condemnation were entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

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29159. Adulteration of dried egg albumen. U. S. v. 1 Barrel of Dried Egg Albumen. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. No. 42333. Sample No. 8094-D.)

This product was decomposed.

On May 13, 1938, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of one barrel of dried egg albumen at New York, N. Y.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about November 13, 1937, from Spokane, Wash., by the Commercial Creamery Co.; and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The article was alleged to be adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On June 8, 1938, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

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29160. Misbranding of canned peas. U. S. v. 1,246 Cases of Canned Peas. Consent decree of condemnation. Product released under bond for relabeling. (F. & D. No. 42903. Sample Nos. 12642-D, 25375-D.)

This product fell below the standard established by this Department because the peas were not immature, and it was not labeled to indicate that it was substandard.

On June 8, 1938, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 1,246 cases of canned peas at New York, N. Y.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about April 29, 1938, from Lineboro, Md., by the Lineboro Canning Co.; and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Mason-Dixon Brand Early June Peas Packed by Lineboro Canning Co. Inc. Lineboro, Md."

It was alleged to be misbranded in that it was canned food and fell below the standard of quality and condition promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture, since the peas were not immature and its package or label did not bear a plain and conspicuous statement prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture indicating that it fell below such standard.

On July 22, 1938, the Lineboro Canning Co., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond conditioned that it be relabeled.

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