

31051. Misbranding of butter. U. S. v. Mutual Creamery Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$80. (F. & D. No. 42766. Sample Nos. 27379-D, 27380-D, 41302-D.)

This case involved shipments of butter that was short weight.

On November 13, 1939, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court an information against the Mutual Creamery Co., a corporation trading at Grand Junction, Colo., alleging shipment by said company in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended, on or about July 6, 1938, from the State of Colorado into the State of Arizona of quantities of butter which was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: "Maid O'Clover Four in One Butter."

Misbranding was alleged in that the statement "One Pound Net," borne on the carton, was false and misleading and was borne on said carton so as to deceive and mislead the purchasers since the carton did not contain 1 pound net of the article but did contain a smaller amount. The article was alleged to be misbranded further in that it was food in package form and the quantity of contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package, since the statement "One Pound Net" was not a true and correct statement of the quantity of contents.

On December 4, 1939, J. Eastman Hatch, trustee of the Mutual Creamery Co., debtor, filed a plea to the jurisdiction alleging that the district court for the District of Utah had exclusive jurisdiction of the defendant corporation and of its property wherever located and praying that the action be abated or if not, that it be transferred to the district court for the District of Utah. The plea to the jurisdiction was overruled by the court without opinion and on January 12, 1940, a plea of guilty having been entered on behalf of the defendant, the court imposed a fine of \$80.

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31052. Misbranding of canned tomatoes. U. S. v. 19 Cases of Tomatoes. Default decree of condemnation. Product ordered delivered to a charitable or public welfare organization. (F. & D. No. 45587. Sample No. 75572-D.)

This product was substandard because it was not normally colored, and it was not labeled to indicate that it was substandard.

On January 11, 1940, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 19 cases of canned tomatoes at Middlesboro, Ky.; alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about November 1, 1939, by A. A. Richardson from Tazewell, Tenn.; and charging that it was misbranded in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Walloon Springs Brand * * * Tomatoes."

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 it was not normally colored, and its package or label did not bear a plain and conspicuous statement prescribed by regulation of this Department indicating that it fell below such standard.

On February 21, 1940, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered delivered to a charitable or public welfare organization.

GROVER B. HILL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

31053. Misbranding of canned tomatoes. U. S. v. 132½ Cases of Tomatoes. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond to be relabeled. (F. & D. No. 45582. Sample No. 75565-D.)

This product was substandard because the fruit units did not consist of whole or large pieces and the fruit was not normally colored, and it was not labeled to indicate that it was substandard.

On January 2, 1940, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 132½ cases of canned tomatoes at Pineville, Ky.; alleging that the article had been transported by the Chappell Grocery Co., in its own truck, from the Marion J. Ferguson Canning Co., Tazewell, Tenn.; and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: (Can) "Mono Brand * * * Tomatoes. Packed by Marion J. Ferguson Canning Co."

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 fruit units did not consist of whole or large pieces and it was not