

**5407. Misbranding of coffee substitute. U. S. v. 1 Carton and 18 Bags of Coffee Substitute. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 10128. Sample No. 42439-F.)**

On July 1, 1943, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington filed a libel against 1 carton containing 36 bags of coffee substitute, and 18 bags of coffee substitute at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about May 21, 1943, from Los Angeles, Calif., for American Diet-aids; and charging that it was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Carton) "3 Dozen 1 lb. Bags Amazing New Beverage for Coffee Lovers American Dietaids Brevy," and (bags) "American Dietaids Victory Brevy \* \* \* New Delicious Coffee Substitute Victory Brevy No Coffee Ingredients: Roasted Wheat, Roasted Barley, Chickory, Rye, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (150 Int'l Units per Oz. 1 Pound Net.)"

The article was alleged to be misbranded in that the statements, (carton) "Amazing New Beverage for Coffee Lovers Deliciousness and Taste of Genuine Coffee," and (bags) "Coffee Substitute Prepare exactly like regular coffee. Coffee Qualities," were false and misleading as applied to a roasted mixture of cereals with chicory, having no coffee odor or taste, containing no caffeine, and therefore without the stimulating properties of coffee; and in that the statements "Needed every day to insure Normal Nerve Functioning and Proper Digestion. It is essential for our daily Energy Needs. This is more Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> than you might get in a glass of fresh whole milk or a slice of whole wheat bread," were misleading since they gave an exaggerated and unwarranted impression of the nutritional value of the article.

On November 30, 1943, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

**5408. Misbranding of coffee stretcher. U. S. v. 42 Cases of Coffee Stretcher. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 10271. Sample No. 35435-F.)**

Analysis showed that this product consisted of chick peas and chicory.

On July 19, 1943, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Georgia filed a libel against 42 cases, each containing 30 bags, of coffee stretcher at Atlanta, Ga., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about March 11 and 18, 1943, by the American Tea & Coffee Co., Inc., from Nashville, Tenn.; and charging that it was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Bag) "American Coffee Stretcher Makes Coffee Go Twice As Far Genuine Mexican Garbanzos Blended With Chicory."

The article was alleged to be misbranded in that the statement "Coffee Stretcher Makes Coffee Go Twice As Far" was misleading since the product would not make coffee go twice as far but would merely dilute the coffee when mixed with it; and in that it was fabricated from two or more ingredients and its label failed to bear the common or usual name of each of such ingredients since genuine Mexican garbanzos is not the common or usual name of chick peas or garbanzo beans.

On September 28, 1943, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

**5409. Misbranding of KOF-EE-AID. U. S. v. 100 Cases of KOF-EE-AID. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond, conditioned that it be relabeled. (F. D. C. No. 9889. Sample No. 23539-F.)**

On April 30, 1943, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania filed a libel against 100 cases, each containing 12 jars, of KOF-EE-AID at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the article was shipped on or about April 7, 1943, from Paterson, N. J., by the Industrial Sales Corp.; and charging that it was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Jars) "KOF-EE-AID 3 for 2 \* \* \* Finest coffee stretcher in the world. Made of pure roasted malt. \* \* \* 'KOF-EE-AID' protects your natural coffee flavor."

The article was alleged to be misbranded (1) in that the name "KOF-EE-AID" and the statements, "KOF-EE-AID protects your natural coffee flavor \* \* \* Finest coffee stretcher in the world," were false and misleading as applied to an article consisting of ground, roasted malted barley and containing no coffee; (2) in that the statement "3 for 2," printed across the picture of a coffee cup and saucer, was false and misleading since it implied that KOF-EE-AID would stretch 2 cups of coffee to 3; and (3) in that its label failed to bear the common or usual name of the food, ground, roasted malted barley.