

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about July 27, 1946, by the Skrmetta Sea Food Co., from New Orleans, La.

**PRODUCT:** 7 cases, each containing 24 cans, of crab meat.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Sea Treasure Brand Net Weight 7 $\frac{8}{10}$  Ozs. \* \* \* American Crab Meat."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance; and, Section 402 (b) (2), brine had been substituted in part for crab meat. (The cans contained an average of 6.71 ounces of drained crab meat, whereas a can of that size should contain at least 8.24 ounces of drained crab meat.)

**DISPOSITION:** March 11, 1947. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

**11769. Adulteration and misbranding of crab meat. U. S. v. 79 Cases \* \* \* (F. D. C. No. 21320. Sample No. 58955-H.)**

**LIBEL FILED:** November 12, 1946, Western District of Washington.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about October 10, 1946, by the Mountain States Wholesale Co., from Boise, Idaho. This product was originally shipped by the Strand Fisheries, from Aberdeen, Wash., to Boise, Idaho, and was returned by the consignee.

**PRODUCT:** 79 cases, each containing 48 cans, of crab meat at Aberdeen, Wash. Examination showed that the product was decomposed. The cans contained an average of 5.55 ounces avoirdupois of drained crab meat, whereas cans of this size should contain at least 6.3 ounces avoirdupois of drained crab meat.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Strand Brand Fancy Crab Meat \* \* \* Net Weight 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces Packed by Strand Fisheries, Hoquiam, Washington."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance; and, Section 402 (b) (2), brine had been substituted in part for crab meat.

**DISPOSITION:** May 27, 1947. Gus Strand, trading as the Strand Fisheries, Hoquiam, Wash., having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

**11770. Adulteration and misbranding of canned minced clams. U. S. v. Plymouth Packing Co., a partnership, and F. Nelson Blount. Plea of guilty by partnership; fine, \$250. Plea of nolo contendere by F. Nelson Blount; fine, \$50. (F. D. C. No. 21477. Sample Nos. 44573-H, 44574-H, 45592-H, 56674-H, 59257-H, 59322-H.)**

**INFORMATION FILED:** June 6, 1947, District of Massachusetts, against the Plymouth Packing Co., a partnership, Plymouth, Mass., and F. Nelson Blount, a partner.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** Between the approximate dates of March 7 and April 17, 1946, from the State of Massachusetts into the States of California, Washington, and Oregon.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Point Judith Minced Clams Contents 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Drained Weight 5 oz."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), diluted clam juice had been substituted in part for minced clams.

Misbranding, Section 403 (e) (2), the product failed to bear a label containing an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents. The cans bore the statement "Drained Weight 5 oz.," but they contained less than 5 ounces drained weight of clams.

**DISPOSITION:** October 28, 1947. A plea of guilty having been entered on behalf of the partnership, and a plea of nolo contendere having been entered by F. Nelson Blount, the former was fined \$250 and the latter was fined \$50.

**11771. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. v. 39 Cases \* \* \* (and 2 other seizure actions). (F. D. C. Nos. 21322 to 21325, incl. Sample Nos. 32172-H, 32173-H, 71007-H, 71008-H.)**

**LIBELS FILED:** October 15, 1946, Southern District of California.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** Between the approximate dates of July 23 and August 17, 1946, by Harkness Sea Gold Products, from Portland, Oreg.

**PRODUCT:** Oysters. 39 cases at Los Angeles and 355 cases at San Bernardino, Calif. Each case contained 24 5-ounce jars.