14489. Adulteration of peanut butter. U. S. v. Jerome P. Firnstahl (Pacific Food Products Co.), and Ronald H. Preston. Pleas of guilty. Jerome P. Firnstahl and Ronald H. Preston each fined $500. (F. D. C. No. 24556. Sample Nos. 82681–H, 83000–H.)

INFORMATION FILED: May 27, 1948, Western District of Washington, against Jerome P. Firnstahl, a partner and manager of the partnership, trading as the Pacific Food Products Co., Seattle, Wash., and Ronald H. Preston, plant superintendent.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 5 and 13, 1947, from the State of Washington into the State of Oregon.

LABEL, IN PART: "Sunny Jim Mfg. by Pacific Food Products Co. Seattle, Wash. 'Homogenized' Peanut Butter."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent excreta, rodent hairs, insect fragments, and insects; and, Section 402 (a) (4), (1 shipment) it had been prepared and packed under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: June 18, 1948. Pleas of guilty having been entered, Jerome P. Firnstahl and Ronald H. Preston were each fined $500.

14490. Misbranding of peanut butter. U. S. v. 6 Cases * * *. (F. D. C. No. 24634. Sample No. 21452–K.)

LIBEL FILED: May 12, 1948, District of Kansas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about April 2, 1948, by the Peanut Products Co., from Omaha, Nebr.

PRODUCT: 6 cases, each containing 12 jars, of peanut butter at Manhattan, Kans.

LABEL, IN PART: "Jack Sprat Brand Peanut Butter Net Weight 1 Pound Distributed by Marshall Canning Co., Marshalltown, Iowa."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 403 (e) (2), the product failed to bear a label containing an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents. (The product was short-weight.)

DISPOSITION: July 7, 1948. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

SPICES, FLAVORS, AND SEASONING MATERIALS

14491. Adulteration of spices. U. S. v. 9 Boxes, etc. (F. D. C. No. 26437. Sample Nos. 23711–K to 23716–K, incl.)

LIBEL FILED: On or about January 31, 1949, Southern District of Texas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On various dates during 1946, 1947, and 1948, from Rochester, N. Y.

PRODUCT: 9 10-pound boxes of chopped red peppers, 36 6-pound boxes of imitation mace, 2 272-pound barrels of celery salt, 22 137-pound barrels and 90 6-pound boxes of rubbed cyprus sage, 10 170-pound sacks of dill seed, and 6 110-pound sacks of caraway seed, at Houston, Tex., in possession of the Atlantis Sales Corp.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the products consisted in whole or in part of filthy substances by reason of the presence of insects; and, Section 402 (a) (4), they had been held under insanitary conditions whereby they may have become contaminated with filth. The products were adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: March 18, 1949. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.