

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1537.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF MACE.

On February 29, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Steinwender-Stoffregen Coffee Co., a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 18, 1910, from the State of Missouri into the State of Oklahoma, of a consignment of mace which was adulterated. The box or package in which the product was shipped was labeled: "Mace Imported & Ground by Steinwender-Stoffregen Coffee Co., St. Louis, U. S. A. Yale Spices High Grade." (Stenciled on box) "6 lbs. net."

Examination by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the product to contain Bombay mace. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that mace is known to the public and understood by the trade to be dried arillus of *Myristica fragrens* Houttuyn, and said product was not mace as known to the public and understood by the trade, but, on the contrary thereof, another substance, to wit, a large amount of Bombay mace or false mace, the dried arillus of *Myristica malabarica* Lamarck, which substance was and is not a true mace, but was and is worthless as a spice, and is used as an adulterant of true mace, had been mixed and packed with said product so as to, and it did, reduce, lower, and injuriously affect the quality and strength of said product, for which it had been substituted in a large part.

On March 21, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty and a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed by the court.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 10, 1912.*