

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1805.

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

ADULTERATION OF TOMATO SAUCE.

On April 30, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Police Court of said District an information against Vincent Ferrero, late of the District aforesaid, alleging the sale by him on May 3, 1911, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of tomato sauce which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Tomato Sauce. Specialita La Margherita E L'Aquila. Unica Depositoria Ditta R. Filippa, Torino. Ajello & Pecoraro. Salsa Di' Pomodoro, Aquila, Bagheria, Sicilia, Italy."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results: Molds in 11 per cent of microscopic fields examined; yeasts and spores per one-sixtieth cmm., 825; bacteria per cc., 120,000,000. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On May 7, 1912, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 8, 1912.*

