

**6016. Adulteration and misbranding of apple cider vinegar. U. S. * * *
v. 20 Casks * * * of So-Called Apple Cider Vinegar. Default
decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and sale. (F. & D. No. 8481.
I. S. No. 8116-p. S. No. C-742.)**

On September 20, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 20 casks, each containing five dozen bottles of so-called apple cider vinegar, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at McAlester, Okla., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about July 17, 1917, by the O. L. Gregory Vinegar Co., Siloam Springs, Ark., and transported from the State of Arkansas into the State of Oklahoma, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Mountain Brand Apple Cider Vinegar * * * Manufactured by the Ozark Cider and Vinegar Co. Siloam Springs, Arkansas."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that distilled vinegar or dilute acetic acid had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce or lower or injuriously affect its quality or strength, and had been substituted in part for the said article. It was further alleged that the article was colored in a manner whereby inferiority was concealed.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was an imitation of, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of, another article and for the further reason that it was labeled or branded so as to mislead or deceive the purchaser thereof.

On February 11, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be properly labeled and sold at public auction by the United States marshal.

CARL VBOOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*