

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2314.

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

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### MISBRANDING OF COTTONSEED MEAL.

On October 24, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, 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 Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on October 21, 1911, from the State of Ohio into the State of Maine of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was misbranded. The product was labeled: "Buckeye Brand Cottonseed Meal. The Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Guaranteed Protein 38.50% Fiber 10.00%."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed it to contain protein 35.25 per cent. Misbranding of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that the label and brand on each of the sacks of the same bore a statement regarding it and regarding a certain ingredient and substance, to wit, protein, contained in the product, which statement was false, misleading, and deceptive in that it purported and represented that the product contained protein to an amount of 38.50 per cent, when in truth and in fact it did not contain protein to the amount of 38.50 per cent, but, in fact, contained only 35.25 per cent of protein.

On November 1, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25, with costs of \$13.90.

W. M. HAYS,

*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 5, 1913.*