

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it contained added poisonous or deleterious ingredients, arsenic and lead, which might have rendered the article injurious to health.

On October 10, 1932, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20481. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. Sugar Creek Creamery Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50.** (F. & D. no. 28165. I. S. nos. 30759, 34364 to 34368, incl.)

This action was based on the interstate shipment of quantities of butter, samples of which were found to contain less than 80 percent by weight of milk fat, the standard for butter prescribed by Congress.

On September 13, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Sugar Creek Creamery Co., a corporation, trading at Danville, Ill., alleging shipment by said company in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about May 29, 1931, from the State of Illinois into the State of Pennsylvania, and on or about June 11, 1931, from the State of Illinois into the State of Connecticut, of quantities of butter that was adulterated. A portion of the article was contained in cartons, labeled in part: "Sugar Creek Butter \* \* \* This Butter Churned and Guaranteed by Sugar Creek Creamery Company \* \* \* General Offices, Danville, Ills."

It was alleged in the information that the article was adulterated in that a product deficient in milk fat had been substituted for butter, a product which must contain not less than 80 percent by weight of milk fat as required by the act of March 4, 1923.

On December 8, 1932, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20482. Adulteration of currants. U. S. v. 20 Crates of Currants. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. no. 28616. Sample no. 5210-A.)

Arsenic and lead in amounts that might have rendered the article injurious to health were found on currants taken from the shipment involved in this case.

On July 18, 1932, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 20 crates of currants at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce by Mrs. Alice Hitchcock, on July 13, 1932, from Ludington, Mich., to Chicago, Ill., and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it contained added poisonous and deleterious ingredients, arsenic and lead, in amounts which might have rendered the article injurious to health.

On November 16, 1932, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20483. Misbranding of canned cherries. U. S. v. 14 Cases of Canned Cherries. Default decree of destruction.** (F. & D. no. 28952. Sample no. 2877-A.)

This action involved the shipment of a quantity of canned cherries, sample cans of which were found to contain less than the weight declared on the label.

On September 23, 1932, the United States attorney for the District of Minnesota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 14 cases of canned cherries, remaining in the original unbroken packages at St. Paul, Minn., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about August 13, 1932, by the Webster Canning & Preserving Co., from Webster, N.Y., to St. Paul, Minn., and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: (Can)

"Checker Brand Water Pack Sour Pitted Red Cherries Contents 1 Lb. 5 Oz. Packed by Webster Canning and Preserving Co. Webster, N.Y."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the statement "1 Lb. 5 Oz.", was false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the packages, since the quantity stated was incorrect.

On November 18, 1932, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment was entered ordering that the product be destroyed. On December 12, 1932, an amended decree was entered providing that the cherries be turned over to a welfare society.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20484. Misbranding of blended citrus fruit juices. U. S. v. Florida Fruit Cannery, Inc. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. no. 28063. I. S. nos. 12548, 22274.)**

This action was based on the interstate shipment of a quantity of blended citrus fruit juices, sample cans of which were found to contain less than the declared volume.

On May 17, 1932, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Florida, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Florida Fruit Cannery, Inc., Frostproof, Fla., alleging shipment by said company in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended, on or about April 17, 1931, from the State of Florida into the State of Washington, of quantities of blended citrus fruit juices that were misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Cans) "Contents 8 Flu. Oz. \* \* \* Pomorang Pure Juices from Tree Ripened Citrus Fruits, \* \* \* Florida Fruit Cannery, Inc. Division of L. Maxcy, Inc. Frostproof, Florida."

It was alleged in the information that the article was misbranded in that the statement "Contents 8 Flu. Oz.", borne on the cans containing the article, was false and misleading, and for the further reason that the article was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser, since the cans contained less than 8 fluid ounces. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package, since the statement made on the label was incorrect.

On November 2, 1932, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20485. Adulteration and misbranding of tomato catsup. U. S. v. 50 Cases, et al., of Tomato Catsup. Default decrees of condemnation and forfeiture. Portion of product delivered to charitable institution; remainder destroyed. (F. & D. nos. 28408, 28413, 28414, 28415, 28416, 28417, 28426, 28682, 28828. Sample nos. 2759-A, 2760-A, 5879-A, 7294-A, 7295-A, 8389-A.)**

These cases involved bottled and canned tomato catsup that was found to be adulterated with added gum; excessive mold also was found in samples taken from certain lots.

On June 16 and June 18, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 97½ cases of tomato catsup, remaining in the original unbroken packages in various lots at New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, and Covington, La. On June 18, 1932, the United States attorney for the Western District of Louisiana filed a libel against 4 cases of the product at Opelousas, La., and 4 cases at Alexandria, La. On June 20, 1932, a libel was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against 1,000 cases at Cincinnati, Ohio. On August 16, 1932, 45 cases of canned tomato catsup were libeled at Wilkesbarre in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and on August 30, 1932, a similar action was instituted against 572 cases and 14 bottles of tomato catsup at Minneapolis, in the judicial district of Minnesota. The libels charged that the article had been shipped between the dates of February 11, 1932 and July 19, 1932, by the Midwest Food Packers, Inc. of Marion and Fowlerton, Ind., that it had been transported in interstate commerce from the State of Indiana into the States of