

5256. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. Loucitty Havens, William D. Havens, and Charles E. Havens (L. & W. D. Havens). Pleas of nolo contendere. Fine, \$30. (F. & D. No. 7669. I. S. Nos. 2434-1, 2435-1.)

On January 24, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Loucitty Havens, William D. Havens, and Charles E. Havens, trading as L. & W. D. Havens, Longmeadow, R. I., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 24, 1916, from the State of Rhode Island into the State of Massachusetts, of quantities of oysters which were adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the article from each of the 2 shipments by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Liquor (per cent)-----	10.02	9.75
Meat (per cent)-----	89.98	90.25
Sodium chlorid in liquor (per cent)-----	0.18	0.27
Total solids in meat (per cent)-----	13.92	13.88
Ash in meat (per cent)-----	0.74	0.82
Sodium chlorid in meat (per cent)-----	0.03	0.14
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	55.0	55.6

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in whole or in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On January 29, 1917, the defendants entered pleas of nolo contendere to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$30.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*