

21500. Adulteration of currants. U. S. v. 4 Cases of Currants. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 31091. Sample no. 45747-A.)

This case involved a shipment of currants bearing arsenic and lead in amounts which might have rendered them injurious to health.

On July 6, 1933, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of four cases of currants at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about June 29, 1933, by Conrad Haditz, from Benton Harbor, Mich., 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, to wit, arsenic and lead, in amounts which might have rendered it injurious to health.

On September 27, 1933, 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.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*