PRODUCT: 90 cartons, each containing 36 8-ounce packages, of popcorn at Fargo, N. Dak. Examination showed that the product contained rodent excreta pellets and rodent-gnawed kernels.

LABEL, IN PART: "Popcorn Selected Finest Quality * * * Riverside Popcorn Sales, Chicago 54, Ill."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance.

DISPOSITION: August 23, 1945. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

8140. Adulteration of popcorn. U. S. v. 18 Bags of Popcorn. Default decree of condemnation. Product ordered sold and denatured. (F. D. C. No. 16396. Sample No. 21869–H.)

LIBEL FILED: June 12, 1945, Western District of Tennessee.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about December 14, 1943, from St. Joseph, Mo.

PRODUCT: 18 100-pound bags of popcorn at Covington, Tenn., in the possession of the New Gem Theatre. The product was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Some of the bags were rodent-gnawed, and rodent excreta was observed on them. Examination showed that the product contained rodent excreta pellets and larvae.

VIOLATIONS CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: July 20, 1945. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered sold, conditioned upon the adoption of safeguards to insure that it would not be disposed of for human consumption.

8141. Adulteration of popcorn. U. S. v. 75 Bags of Popcorn. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 16264. Sample No. 23757–H.)

LIBEL FILED: June 1, 1945, Southern District of Texas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 29, 1944, from Durant, Okla.

PRODUCT: 75 unlabeled bags of popcorn at Houston, Tex., in the possession of the Houston Central Warehouse Co. The product was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Some of the bags were rodent-gnawed, and rodent pellets were observed on them. Examination showed that the article contained weevils, insect-infested kernels, and rodent excreta.

VIOLATIONS CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: June 23, 1945. The Houston Central Warehouse Co., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was released under bond to be brought into compliance with the law by washing and cleaning under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

8142. Adulteration of popcorn. U. S. v. 200 Bags of Popcorn. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 16417. Sample No. 22068–H.)

LIBEL FILED: June 7, 1945, Eastern District of Missouri.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 10, 1945, by the Vogel and Son Popcorn Co., from Hamburg, Iowa.

PRODUCT: 200 100-pound bags of popcorn at St. Louis, Mo.

LABEL, IN PART: "Davis Hybrid Pop Corn Packed By Better Taste Pop Corn Co. Anderson, Ind."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent excreta pellets.

DISPOSITION: July 3, 1945. The Old Vienna Products Co., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond to be brought into compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.