8531. Adulteration and misbranding of Fritos (corn meal product). U. S. v. The Frito Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, $600. (F. D. C. No. 14263. Sample Nos. 61225-F, 61720-F.)

INFORMATION FILED: March 14, 1945, Southern District of Texas, against the Frito Co., Inc., Houston, Tex.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about May 27 and June 17, 1944, from the State of Texas into the State of Louisiana.

LABEL, IN PART: (Bags) "Fritos * * * Net Wt. 6 Ozs. [or "1⅛ Ozs."]."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of larvae, rodent hairs, and insects and insect fragments; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been prepared and packed under insanitary conditions whereby it might have become contaminated with filth.

Misbranding, Section 403 (e) (2), the portion in the bags labeled "6 Ozs." failed to bear a label containing an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents, since the bags contained less than 6 ounces.

DISPOSITION: September 24, 1945. A plea of guilty having been entered on behalf of the defendant, fines of $250 on each of the 2 counts charging adulteration, and $100 on the count charging misbranding, were imposed.

8532. Adulteration of Colettes (corn meal product). U. S. v. 22 Cartons of Colettes. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 13447. Sample No. 62025-F.)

LIBEL FILED: August 30, 1944, Eastern District of Louisiana.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 5, 1944, by the Flakall Corporation, from South Beloit, Ill.

PRODUCT: 22 30-pound cartons of Colettes at New Orleans, La.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent hairs and insect fragments; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been prepared under insanitary conditions whereby it might have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: August 29, 1945. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

8533. Adulteration of corn meal. U. S. v. 37 Bags of Corn Meal. Default decree of condemnation. Product ordered delivered to a public institution. (F. D. C. No. 16636. Sample No. 1007-H.)

LIBEL FILED: June 23, 1945, Southern District of Georgia.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about December 28, 1944, and April 30, 1945, from Chattanooga, Tenn.

PRODUCT: 25 25-pound bags and 12 50-pound bags of corn meal at Augusta, Ga., in the possession of H. M. Pippin. 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 product contained rodent pellets, rodent hair fragments, and insect fragments.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been stored under insanitary conditions whereby it might have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: September 25, 1945. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered denatured and delivered to a public institution.

8534. Adulteration of corn meal. U. S. v. 36 Bags of Corn Meal. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 16763. Sample No. 13943-H.)

LIBEL FILED: June 28, 1945, Western District of Kentucky.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about October 28, 1944, from Kankakee, Ill.

PRODUCT: 36 100-pound bags of corn meal at Louisville, Ky., in the possession of the Vaughan Grocery Co. The product was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Some of the bags were rodent-gnawed, and urine stains were observed on them. Examination showed that the product contained rodent excreta and urine.