ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 12, 1946, by Belmont Food Distributors, from Chicago, Ill.

PRODUCT: 370 cards, each containing 24 packages, of black pepper at Memphis, Tenn. Each package contained approximately ¾ ounce of the product.

LABEL, IN PART: "Damore Brand Pure Black Pepper, Packed by Damore Spice Company, Chicago, Illinois."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), wheat flour, ground soyabean hulls, and cottonseed hulls, with a small amount of pepper, had been substituted in whole or in part for black pepper; and, Section 402 (b) (4), wheat flour, ground soyabean hulls, and cottonseed hulls had been added to the article and mixed and packed with it so as to increase its bulk and weight and reduce its quality and strength.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label statement "Pure Black Pepper" was false and misleading; Section 403 (e) (2), the label failed to bear an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents; and, Section 403 (i) (2), it failed to bear the common or usual name of each ingredient, since wheat flour, ground soyabean hulls, and cottonseed hulls were not declared.

DISPOSITION: November 7, 1946. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

11493. Adulteration of salt. U. S. v. 340 Bags, etc. (F. D. C. No. 20684. Sample Nos. 47685-H, 47686-H.)

LIBEL FILED: August 27, 1946, Northern District of Texas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about March 30 and June 10 and 22, 1946, from Hutchinson, Kans.

PRODUCT: 340 25-pound bags and 493 100-pound bags of salt at Lubbock Tex., in possession of the J. M. Radford Grocery Co. The product had been stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Rodent pellets and urine stains were observed on the bags, and examination showed that the product was contaminated with urine.

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 held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: November 19, 1946. The J. M. Radford Grocery Co., claimant, having admitted the facts set forth in the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for disposition in accordance with the law, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

11494. Adulteration of salt. U. S. v. 15 Bags, etc. (F. D. C. No. 20670. Sample Nos. 60183-H, 60184-H.)

LIBEL FILED: August 16, 1946, Western District of Pennsylvania.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 1, 1945, and January 9, 1946, from Chicago, Ill., and Silver Springs, N. Y.

PRODUCT: Salt. 15 100-pound bags and 22 25-pound bags at Erie, Pa., in possession of the C. A. Curtze Co. The article was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Rodent urine stains were observed on the bags, and examination showed that the 15-bag lot of the product contained rodent pellets and rodent hair fragments, and that the 22-bag lot contained urine.

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 held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: October 16, 1946. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

11495. Adulteration of sausage seasoning. U. S. v. 2 Barrels * * *. (F. D. C. No. 20656. Sample No. 49688-H.)

LIBEL FILED: August 14, 1946, Southern District of Texas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 26 and November 9, 1945, by the A. C. Legg Packing Co., Inc., from Birmingham, Ala.