

**DISPOSITION:** Between June 29 and September 8, 1949. Default decrees of condemnation and destruction.

**2995. Adulteration of Geo-Mineral. U. S. v. 72 Bottles \* \* \*** (and 19 other seizure actions). (F. D. C. Nos. 27072, 27098, 27119, 27125, 27236, 27268, 27273 to 27275, incl., 27288 to 27290, incl., 27299, 27305, 27308, 27382, 27398, 27399, 27471, 27655. Sample Nos. 1449-K, 1450-K, 1453-K, 1465-K, 1467-K, 1563-K, 1841-K, 1842-K, 3281-K, 5238-K, 19336-K, 44289-K, 44294-K, 44300-K, 47606-K, 51572-K, 51807-K, 56066-K, 63681-K, 64313-K.)

**LIBELS FILED:** Between April 26 and July 20, 1949, Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, District of Maine, Western District of South Carolina, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina, Southern District of Florida, Eastern District of Tennessee, District of Kansas, and District of North Dakota.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** Between February 1949, and May 12, 1949, from Atlanta, Ga., and St. Louis, Mo., by the Geo-Mineral Co.

**PRODUCT:** 6,132 bottles of *Geo-Mineral* at Akron, Cincinnati, and Columbus, Ohio; Norfolk and Roanoke, Va.; Portland, Maine; Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C.; Charlotte and Greenboro, N. C.; Miami and Jacksonville, Fla.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Wichita, Kans.; and Bismarck, N. Dak.

Examination showed that the product was a water solution of ferric sulfate and was contaminated with mold.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Geo-Mineral 3 Fluid Ounces Net Contents."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 501 (a) (1), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed substance by reason of the presence of mold.

**DISPOSITION:** Between June 29 and November 7, 1949. Default decrees of condemnation and destruction.

**2996. Adulteration and misbranding of Geo-Mineral. U. S. v. 538 Bottles \* \* \*** (F. D. C. No. 27221. Sample No. 50602-K.)

**LIBEL FILED:** May 20, 1949, Eastern District of Washington.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about March 25 and 29, 1949, by Vi-Jon Laboratories, Inc., from St. Louis, Mo.

**PRODUCT:** 538 3-ounce bottles of *Geo-Mineral* at Yakima, Wash., in the possession of Payless Drug. Analysis showed that the product was a water solution of ferric sulfate and was contaminated with mold.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Geo-Mineral \* \* \* Sole Distributor Geo-Mineral Company St. Louis 1, Mo."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 501 (a) (1), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed substance by reason of the presence of mold. The article was adulterated when introduced into and while in interstate commerce.

Misbranding, Section 502 (a), certain statements in the labeling of the article, namely, in the newspaper advertisement which was on display with the article, were false and misleading. The statements represented and suggested that the article was effective in the treatment of stomach ailments, weak kidneys, rheumatic pains, arthritis, neuritis, headaches, nervousness, toxins, bloating, lack of vitality and energy, poor appetite, underweight, dizzy

spells, and rheumatism, and that the article would make one feel, eat, sleep, work, and enjoy life better. The article was not effective in the treatment of the conditions nor for the purposes mentioned. The article was misbranded while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: July 11, 1949. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

**2997. Adulteration and misbranding of Geo-Mineral. U. S. v. 4 Cartons \* \* \*.**  
(F. D. C. No. 26614. Sample No. 36858-K.)

**LIBEL FILED:** February 26, 1949, Western District of Washington; amended libel filed August 10, 1949.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about November 3, 1948, by Vi-Jon Laboratories, Inc., from St. Louis, Mo.

**PRODUCT:** 4 cartons, each containing 36 bottles, of *Geo-Mineral* at Hoquiam, Wash.

**LABEL, IN PART:** (Bottle) "Geo-Mineral 3 Fluid Ounces, Net Contents Ferric Sulphate  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  and traces of other minerals. The mineral contents contained herein were leached with water from a natural clay. Dietary Iron Aid Two teaspoonfuls of this mineral extract will supply Twice the minimum daily adult Iron (Fe) requirement. Minimum daily adult requirement, 10 mgm. \* \* \* Sole Distributor Geo-Mineral Company, St. Louis 1, Mo."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 501 (a) (1), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed substance by reason of the presence of mold.

Misbranding, Section 502 (a), certain statements in an accompanying leaflet entitled "Good News for Sick People" were false and misleading. The statements represented and suggested that the article was effective for the treatment of sick people, stomach ailments, weak kidneys, rheumatic pain, arthritis, neuritis, headaches, nervousness, acid condition of the blood, toxins, bloating, lack of vitality or energy, poor appetite, underweight, dizzy spells, rheumatism, and kidney ailments; that it would help make one strong and full of pep, life, and energy; that it would generate mental brilliance, give sparkling eyes, fight disease, and build up health; that it would overcome dullness, laziness, absence of ambition to work or play, blue feeling, feeling old before one's time, weakening of sexual powers, seeming worthlessness of living, and wearing down with worry; that it would cleanse and purify the intestines, relieve gas, purify the kidneys, and relieve long continued suffering; that it would constitute an investment for health; and that it would enable one to feel, eat, sleep, work, and enjoy life better. The article was not effective for such purposes.

DISPOSITION: August 10, 1949. The Geo-Mineral Co. having appeared as claimant and later withdrawn its claim, judgment of condemnation was entered and the court ordered that the product be destroyed.

#### **DRUGS AND DEVICES ACTIONABLE BECAUSE OF FALSE AND MISLEADING CLAIMS\***

**2998. Misbranding of Homeopathic Combination Tablets, Kollesol Uterettes Tablets, Dr. Wise's Instant Relief and Tablets No. 1 and Tablets No. 2, Homeopathic Calcarea Fluor Tablets, Homeopathic Kali Mur Tablets,**

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\*See also Nos. 2991, 2993, 2996, 2997.