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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1053.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF TOMATO PASTE.

On May 31, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against Pietro Roncoroni Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about November 3, 1910, from the State of New Jersey into the State of California, of a quantity of tomato paste that was adulterated.

Examination by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department of a sample of this product showed it to contain yeasts and spores at the rate of 380 per one-sixtieth mg., bacteria very numerous, estimated at one billion per gram, molds in 70 per cent of the microscopic fields examined, with many pieces of decayed tissue visible to the naked eye. Adulteration was alleged for the reason that said product consisted in whole or in part, as shown by the aforesaid examination, of a filthy, putrid, or decomposed animal or vegetable substance.

On May 1, 1911, the defendant pleaded non vult, and sentence was suspended by the court.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 8, 1911.*

