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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1366.

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

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VANILLA EXTRACT.

On November 18, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the William Haigh Co., Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 3, 1910, from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania of a quantity of vanilla extract which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled "XXXX Vanilla. This vanilla is prepared from high grade and selected vanilla beans. Guaranty legend Serial 6632. The Wm. Haigh Co., Manufacturing Chemists, 128 S. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md. \* \* \*".

Analysis of a sample of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the following results: "Vanillin, 0.40 per cent; coumarin, absent; lead number 0.33; vanilla, slight amount; caramel, slight amount." Adulteration was alleged for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, vanillin, had been mixed with said article so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and for the further reason that said substance had been substituted in part for said article. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the package containing the article bore, among other things, a statement that said article was vanilla, which said statement was false and misleading in this, that the said article was not vanilla, but contained a quantity of vanillin.

On November 18, 1911, the defendant company pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 30, 1912.*