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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1878.

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

ADULTERATION OF TOMATO PASTE.

On August 29, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the said district an information against the Sachem's Head Canning Co., a corporation, Guilford, Conn., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 21, 1910, from the State of Connecticut into the State of New Jersey, of a consignment of tomato paste which was adulterated. The product bore no label.

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Yeasts and spores, 80 per one-sixtieth milligram; bacteria, 800,000,000 per gram; mold filaments in 95 per cent of the fields; which indicates that decayed stock entered the product.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance. On September 26, 1911, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 29, 1912.*