

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2144.

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

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### ADULTERATION OF PRUNES.

On May 4, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of five boxes, each containing 25 pounds, of prunes, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages and in possession of the Merchants & Miners Transportation Co., Baltimore, Md., alleging that the product was being transported from the State of Maryland into the State of Florida, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled: "25 lbs net; The Very Best Pitted Prunes—Gold medal Brand—Santa Clara Fruit."

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance, to wit, prunes.

On June 15, 1912, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was further ordered that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. HAYS,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 24, 1912.*

