

# United States Department of Agriculture,

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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### NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2187.

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

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#### ADULTERATION OF TOMATO CATSUP.

On July 12, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the B. S. Ayars & Sons Co., a corporation, Bridgeton, N. J., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 6, 1911, from the State of New Jersey into the State of Pennsylvania of a quantity of tomato catsup which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Bridgeton Highest Grade Catsup. 1/10 of 1% Benzoate of Soda, Bridgeton Preserving Co., Bridgeton, N. J. This catsup is made of choice tomatoes, the finest spices, onions, distilled vinegar, granulated sugar, salt and prepared with 1/10 of 1% Benzoate of Soda."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Yeasts and spores, 65 per one-sixtieth cubic millimeter; bacteria, 60,000,000 per cubic centimeter; molds in 73 per cent of the microscopic fields. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance, that is to say, tomatoes containing yeasts, spores, bacteria, and molds.

On October 15, 1912, 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., *January 8, 1913.*

