

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2349.

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

MISBRANDING OF VODKA.

On September 5, 1912, 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 said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 250 bottles of spurious vodka, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages and in possession of William Traurig, Waterbury, Conn., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about August 27, 1912, by L. B. Katz, New York, N. Y., and transported from the State of New York into the State of Connecticut, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled in Russian, and a portion thereof was also labeled in English, as follows: "Monopole Vodka Made and Bottled in Russian Monopole."

Misbranding of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that the labels thereon bore certain statements, designs, and devices regarding said vodka which were false and misleading, that is to say, said labels were printed in the Russian language, and the three largest size packages contained supplemental labels upon which were printed in the English language "Monopole Vodka Made and Bottled in Russian Monopole," and the containers were also sealed with wax bearing an impression of the Russian coat of arms and said labels were so printed and said containers so designed as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that the vodka was a foreign product, when as a matter of fact it was of domestic manufacture and prepared in imitation of authentic vodka, produced at Brooklyn, in the State of New York, being 114 proof spirits and packed in vodka bottles imported from Russia.

On December 9, 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 sold by the United States marshal.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 19, 1913.*