

3996. Adulteration of pork loins. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6317. S. No. E-224.)

On February 26, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information praying for the seizure and condemnation of 178 boxes of pork loins, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Springfield, Mass., alleging that the product had been shipped by the Brennan Packing Co., Chicago, Ill., and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Massachusetts, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that the same consisted in part of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed animal substance.

On or about March 29, 1915, the said Brennan Packing Co., claimant, having filed its answer consenting to a decree, an order was entered by the court, which provided, among other things, that upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution and delivery of a good and sufficient bond by said claimant company in the sum of \$2,500, which bond should be conditioned that said pork loins should be shipped from Springfield, Mass., in a car under the seal of the Department of Agriculture to the plant of said claimant company, Chicago, Ill., and there, under the supervision of an inspector of the Department of Agriculture, be separated—that is to say, the good portions of said food separated from any portion thereof which might be adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food and Drugs Act—the product might be delivered to said claimant. On April 16, 1915, the said claimant having filed a satisfactory bond in conformity with the foregoing order as provided by section 10 of the act, formal judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be delivered to said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 19, 1915.*