

**4514. Adulteration and misbranding of oats. U. S. \* \* \* v. 61 Sacks of Oats. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6671. I. S. No. 3384-k. S. No. E-338.)**

On July 1, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Florida, 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 61 sacks, each containing 99½ pounds, of an article purporting to be oats, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Tampa, Fla., alleging that the article had been shipped on May 15, 1915, and transported from the State of Louisiana into the State of Florida, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled: "99½ Lbs. Net Crescent Clipped Oats, Tampa, Fla."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it was labeled "Clipped Oats," and that other substances, to wit, barley, weed seeds, chaff, and shriveled and shrunken wheat, had been substituted in part for said (white) oats and had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect the quality and strength thereof.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement, to wit, "99½ Lbs. Net Crescent Clipped Oats, Tampa, Fla.," was a false and misleading statement as to the ingredients and substances contained in the sacks in that they contained barley, weed seeds, chaff, and shriveled and shrunken wheat (in addition to oats).

On July 9, 1915, J. T. Gibbons, New Orleans, La., claimant, having filed his answer admitting the allegations of the libel, 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 and the execution of bond in the sum of \$250 in conformity with section 10 of the act, one of the conditions of said bond being that the oats should be properly labeled before they were disposed of.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*