

4535. Adulteration and misbranding of rice bran. U. S. * * * v. 280 Sacks of Rice Bran. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6729. I. S. No. 3392-k. S. No. E-350.)

On July 16, 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 280 sacks, more or less, of rice bran, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Tampa, Fla., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Southern Rice Milling Co., of New Orleans, La., 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.

Adulteration was alleged in the libel for the reason that rice hulls had been mixed and packed with and substituted for the article invoiced and sold as rice bran.

It was also alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in violation of section 8, paragraphs 1 and 2, under "Food," of the aforesaid act.

On August 16, 1915, the said Southern Rice Milling Co., claimant, having admitted 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 all costs of the proceedings and the execution of bond in the sum of \$1,000, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned, in part, that if the product be sold or disposed of under any form of branding, said branding should accurately describe said property.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*