

4750. Adulteration of tomato paste. U. S. * * * v. 11 Barrels of Tomato Paste. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7251. I. S. No. 20253-1. S. No. E-565.)

On March 31, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Maine, 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 11 barrels of tomato paste, consigned by Parodi, Erminio & Co. (Inc.), San Francisco, Cal., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Portland, Me., alleging that the article had been shipped on February 25, 1916, and transported from the State of California into the State of Maine, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of decomposed vegetable substances.

On May 15, 1916, no answer having been filed to the libel, proclamation was made and default was entered, and thereupon decree of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*