

**5044. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. \* \* \* v. 22 Containers of Oysters. Default decree by condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 7005, 7006. I. S. Nos. 1453-h, 1454-h, 1455-h, 1456-h, 1457-h, 1458-h, 1459-h, 1460-h, 1461-h, 1462-h. S. No. E-437.)**

On October 22, 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 a libel of information praying the seizure and condemnation of 22 containers of oysters, consigned on October 21, 1915, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Boston, Mass., alleging that the article had been shipped by the M. Dewing Co., Providence, R. I., and transported from the State of Rhode Island into the State of Massachusetts, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

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

On January 25, 1917, proclamation having been made and default noted, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*