

5487. Adulteration of grapefruit. U. S. * * * v. 100 Boxes of Grapefruit. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Good portion released. Unfit portion destroyed. (F. & D. No. 8180. I. S. No. 22310-m. S. No. W-172.)

On March 15, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, 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 100 boxes of grapefruit, consigned on or about February 13, 1917, by the H. C. Schrader Co., Orlando, Fla., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Denver, Colo., alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of Florida into the State of Colorado, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated for the reason that said grapefruit were decomposed, having been frosted, and as a result of such frosting their tissues showed disintegration, they were bitter, soft, mushy, and rotten.

On April 16, 1917, the Middleswarth Fruit Co., a corporation, Denver, Colo., claimant, having consented to a decree, and judgment of condemnation and forfeiture having been entered, and the good portion of the product having been released to said claimant, the remainder having been destroyed by the United States marshal, the disposition of the product was ratified and confirmed by the court, and it was ordered that said claimant should pay the costs of the proceedings.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*