

6686. Adulteration of tomato puree. U. S. * * * v. 307 Cases of Tomato Puree. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8988. I. S. No. 1543-p. S. No. E-1023.)

On April 11, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey, 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 307 cases of tomato puree at Newark, N. J., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about February 26, 1918, by J. B. Webster & Co., Berlin, Md., and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of New Jersey, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled, in part, "Newport Brand Tomato Puree. * * * Packed by J. B. Webster & Co. * * * Factory, Berlin, Md."

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

On November 25, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*