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### SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS. SUPPLEMENT.

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#### NOTICES OF JUDGMENT UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

[Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.]

**9201. Adulteration and misbranding of concentrated sweetener. U. S. \* \* \* v. 3 Cans of Wood's Special Concentrated Sweetener. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 12978. I. S. No. 9876-r. S. No. C-2003.)**

On June 30, 1920, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, 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 3 cans of Wood's Special Concentrated Sweetener, at Highland Park (Detroit), Mich., alleging that the article had been shipped by the W. B. Wood Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo., and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Michigan, arriving at Detroit on June 26, 1920, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Wood's Special Concentrated Sweetener 500—500 Soluble in Cold Water. Five Pounds Net. Not sold as a drug. W. B. Wood Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, Mo."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that an imitation product, to wit, saccharin, had been substituted in part for a food sweetener, and for the further reason that the article contained an ingredient, to wit, saccharin, which is deleterious and which rendered said article injurious to health.

Misbranding was alleged in substance for the reason that the article was sold under the distinctive name of "Sweetener," that is, a natural food sweetener, whereas, in truth and in fact, said article was not a natural food sweetener, but was composed of a mixture of sugar and sodium salt of saccharin, and for the further reason that the statement, "Special Concentrated Sweetener 500," was false and misleading in that it represented said article as being 500 times sweeter than sugar, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On January 26, 1921, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*