

18984. Adulteration and misbranding of pulverized oats. U. S. v. Hoyland Flour Mills Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 26630. I. S. No. 27740.)

Samples of pulverized oats from the shipment herein described having been found to contain calcium carbonate, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

On September 15, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Hoyland Flour Mills Co., a corporation, Kansas City, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about February 20, 1931, from the State of Missouri into the State of Florida, of a quantity of pulverized oats that were adulterated and misbranded. The article was labeled in part: "Pulverized Oats Manufactured by Hoyland Flour Mills Co., Kansas City, Missouri."

It was alleged in the information that the article was adulterated in that a substance, calcium carbonate, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to lower and reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for pulverized oats, which the said article purported to be.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement "Pulverized Oats," borne on the tag attached to the sacks containing the article, was false and misleading in that the said statement represented that the article consisted wholly of pulverized oats, and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it consisted wholly of pulverized oats; whereas it did not so consist, but did consist in part of calcium carbonate. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was composed in part of calcium carbonate and was offered for sale and sold under the distinctive name of another article, to wit, pulverized oats.

On November 2, 1931, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18985. Adulteration and misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. v. Missouri Cotton Oil Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$75 and costs. (F. & D. No. 26633. I. S. Nos. 18176, 18177.)

Examination of samples of a product, represented to be 41 per cent protein cottonseed meal, from the shipments herein described having shown that the article contained less protein and more fiber than declared on the label, and that a portion of the said article was not cottonseed meal but was cottonseed feed, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois.

On October 7, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Missouri Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, Cairo, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, from the State of Illinois into the State of Indiana, in part on or about September 20, 1930, and in part on or about October 22, 1930, of quantities of cottonseed meal that was misbranded, and a portion of which was also adulterated. The article was labeled in part: "41% Protein Cottonseed Meal Prime Quality Manufactured by Missouri Cotton Oil Company, Cairo, Ill. Guaranteed Analysis Crude Protein, not less than 41.0% * * * Crude Fiber, not More than 10.0%."

Adulteration was alleged in the information with respect to a portion of the article for the reason that a cottonseed feed which contained less than 36 per cent of protein had been substituted for prime quality 41 per cent protein cottonseed meal, which the said article purported to be.

Misbranding was alleged with respect to both lots of the article for the reason that the statements, "41% Protein Cottonseed Meal Prime Quality," and "Guaranteed Analysis Crude Protein, not less than 41.0% * * * Crude Fiber not More than 10.0%," borne on the tags attached to the sacks containing the said article, were false and misleading in that the said statements represented that the article was prime quality 41 per cent protein cottonseed meal and contained not less than 41 per cent of protein and not more than 10 per cent of crude fiber; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it was prime quality 41 per cent protein cottonseed meal and contained not less than 41 per cent of protein and not more than 10 per cent of crude fiber; whereas it was not 41