

**19824. Adulteration of canned tuna. U. S. v. 24½ Cases of Canned Tuna. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 27814. I. S. No. 43155. S. No. 5920.)**

This action involved the interstate shipment of a quantity of canned tuna, samples of which were found to be partly decomposed.

On March 5, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 24½ cases of canned tuna, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Lancaster, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about February 4, 1932, by the Van Camp Sea Food Co. (Inc.), from Terminal Island, Calif., to Lancaster, Pa., and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (Cans) "Chicken of the Sea Brand \* \* \* Fancy Tuna \* \* \* Packed by Van Camp Sea Food Company, Inc. \* \* \* Los Angeles Harbor Calif."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a decomposed animal substance.

On May 17, 1932, 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.

HENRY A. WALLACE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**19825. Adulteration of slab prunes. U. S. v. 137 Boxes of Slab Prunes. Decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 27795. I. S. No. 43143. S. No. 5896.)**

This action involved the interstate shipment of a quantity of slab prunes, samples of which were found to be wormy, decomposed, and filthy.

On February 27, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 137 boxes of slab prunes, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about January 19, 1932, by Rosenberg Bros. & Co., from San Francisco, Calif., to Philadelphia, Pa., and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "E-Z Slab Prunes \* \* \* California Slab Prunes."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On May 24, 1932, the seizure being uncontested by the sole intervener, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

HENRY A. WALLACE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**19826. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. 23 Cubes, et al., of Butter. Consent decrees of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond to be reconditioned. (F. & D. No. 28285. I. S. Nos. 23514, 23516. S. No. 6104; and 1701-A. F. & D. No. 28286.)**

These actions involved the interstate shipment of quantities of butter, samples of which were found to contain less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat, the standard for butter prescribed by Congress.

On April 15 and on April 18, 1932, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 63 cubes of butter, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, in part on or about April 11, 1932, and in part on or about April 13, 1932, by the Wilcox Produce (Inc.), from Portland Oreg., to Seattle, Wash., and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

It was alleged in the libels that the article was adulterated in that a product containing less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat had been substituted for butter, a product which should contain not less than 80 per cent of milk fat as provided by law.

On April 22 and April 27, 1932, the Wilcox Produce Co., of Portland, Oreg., and the Fox River Butter Co. (Inc.), of Seattle, Wash., having appeared as claimants for respective portions of the product and having admitted the allega-

tions of the libels and consented to the entry of decrees, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimants upon payment of costs and the execution of good and sufficient bonds, conditioned that it be brought into compliance with the law and that it should not be sold or otherwise disposed of contrary to the provisions of the Federal food and drugs act and all other laws.

HENRY A. WALLACE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**19827. Adulteration of canned prunes. U. S. v. Silverton Food Products Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 27527. I. S. No. 16471.)**

This action was based on the interstate shipment of a quantity of canned prunes, samples of which were found to be partially decomposed.

On May 13, 1932, the United States attorney for the District of Oregon, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Silverton Food Products Co., a corporation, Silverton, Oreg., alleging that on or about October 11, 1930, the defendant company had delivered to a firm at Corvallis, Oreg., a quantity of canned prunes under a guaranty that the product conformed to the requirements of the food and drugs act, and that on or about October 17, 1930, the product had been shipped by the purchaser thereof in the identical condition as when delivered by defendant, from Corvallis, Oreg., to Nashville, Tenn., and that it was adulterated in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (Cans) "Mountain View Brand Fresh Oregon Prunes."

It was alleged in the information that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed and putrid vegetable substance.

On May 13, 1932, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

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**19828. Adulteration and misbranding of tomato ketchup. U. S. v. Alvin A. Baumer (Baumer's Food Products Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$5. (F. & D. No. 27568. I. S. No. 26741.)**

This action was based on the interstate shipment of a quantity of tomato ketchup, samples of which were found to contain undeclared added starch.

On May 2, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against Alvin A. Baumer, trading as Baumer's Food Products Co., New Orleans, La., alleging shipment by said defendant in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about May 12, 1931, from the State of Louisiana into the State of Mississippi, of a quantity of tomato ketchup that was adulterated and misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Bottles) "Tomato Ketchup \* \* \* Baumer's Food Products Co. New Orleans, La."

It was alleged in the information that the article was adulterated in that an added and undeclared substance, to wit, starch, had been substituted in part for tomato ketchup which the article purported solely to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that the statement "Tomato Ketchup," together with the design of red ripe tomatoes, borne on the label, was false and misleading, and for the further reason that it was labeled so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser, since the said statement and design represented that the product consisted solely of tomato ketchup, whereas it consisted in part of an added and undeclared substance, to wit, starch.

On May 26, 1932, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$5.

HENRY A. WALLACE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**19829. Adulteration of frozen eggs. U. S. v. L. Claude Henderson (Henderson Produce Co.). Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 26600. I. S. No. 28339.)**

This action was based on the interstate shipment of a quantity of frozen eggs, samples of which were found to be decomposed or sour.

On January 8, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against L. Claude Henderson, a member of a co-partnership trading as the Henderson Produce Co., Monroe City, Mo., alleging shipment by said company on or about August 25, 1930, from the State of Missouri into the State of New