

23170. Adulteration of canned blueberries. U. S. v. Stephen D. Cousins and Charles C. Cousins, Jr. (S. D. & C. C. Cousins, Jr.). Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. no. 32875. Sample no. 58702-A.)

This case was based on a shipment of canned blueberries that contained maggots. The article was falsely labeled as to the name of the manufacturer and place of manufacture.

On August 27, 1934, the United States attorney for the District of Maine, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court an information against Stephen D. Cousins and Charles C. Cousins, Jr., a partnership trading as S. D. & C. C. Cousins, Jr., Brooklin, Maine, alleging that on or about September 13, 1933, the defendants had delivered for shipment from Ellsworth, Maine, to Philadelphia, Pa., a quantity of canned blueberries which were adulterated and misbranded. The article was labeled in part: "Monmouth Brand Fancy Maine Blueberries * * * Packed by Monmouth Canning Co., Portland, Maine."

The article was alleged to be adulterated in that it consisted in part of a filthy vegetable and animal substance, due to infestation with a large number of maggots.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement on the label, "Packed By Monmouth Canning Co., Portland, Maine", was false and misleading, since the article was packed by Stephen D. Cousins and Charles C. Cousins, Jr., at Brooklin, Maine.

On September 6, 1934, the defendants entered pleas of nolo contendere, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

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23171. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. 11 Boxes of Butter. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond to be reworked. (F. & D. no. 32941. Sample no. 7969-A.)

This case involved a shipment of butter, samples of which were found to contain less than 80 percent of milk fat.

On June 15, 1934, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 11 boxes of butter at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about June 2, 1934, by the Middle State Creameries, Inc., from Omaha, Nebr., and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Breakstone's Best Sweet Butter."

The article was alleged to be adulterated in that a product containing less than 80 percent by weight of milk fat had been substituted for butter, a product which should contain not less than 80 percent of milk fat as provided by the act of Congress of March 4, 1923.

On October 23, 1934, the Middle States Creameries, Inc., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered that the product be released to the claimant under bond, conditioned that it be reworked so that it contain not less than 80 percent of butterfat.

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23172. Misbranding of olive oil. U. S. v. 20 Tins of Olive Oil. Default decree of condemnation. Product ordered destroyed or delivered to charitable institutions. (F. & D. no. 33070. Sample no. 73551-A.)

Sample cans of olive oil taken from the shipment involved in this case were found to contain less than 1 gallon, the volume declared on the label.

On July 17, 1934, the United States attorney for the District of Oregon, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 20 tins of olive oil at Portland, Oreg., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about April 29, 1934, by Monteverdi, Rollandelli & Parodi, Inc., from San Francisco, Calif., and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended.

The article was alleged to be misbranded in that the statement "One Gallon Net Measure", borne on the label, was false and misleading and tended to deceive and mislead the purchaser; and for the further reason that it was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package, since the statement made was incorrect.