

DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Nos. 4440 to 4449 report actions on dried fruits and vegetables found to be contaminated with one or more kinds of filth, such as rodent excreta, rodent hairs, insects, insect fragments, insect excreta, worms, etc.

4440. Adulteration of dried apricots. U. S. v. Meridian Ltd., (El Solyo Ranch). Plea of guilty. Fine \$600. (F. D. C. No. 7213. Sample Nos. 12923-E, 12924-E.)

On June 1, 1942, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California filed an information against Meridian Ltd., doing business as the El Solyo Ranch, a corporation, Vernalis, Calif., alleging shipment on or about August 13, 1942, from the State of California into the State of New York of quantities of dried apricots that were adulterated in that they consisted in whole or in part of filthy substances, and in that they had been prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby they might have become contaminated with filth. The article was labeled in part: "Westan Brand Full Ripe Apricots [or "Westan Orchard Run Northern Apricots"] packed by West Stansilaus Whse Vernalis, Calif."

On December 30, 1942, a plea of guilty having been entered on behalf of the defendant the court imposed a fine of \$600.

4441. Adulteration of evaporated apples. U. S. v. 491 Boxes of Evaporated Apples. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond for reconditioning. (F. D. C. No. 8281. Sample Nos. 1811-F, 1818-F.)

On September 1, 1942, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois filed a libel against 491 boxes of evaporated apples at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about July 6, 1942, by Jack Gomperts & Co., from Watsonville, Calif.; and charging that it was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance. The article was labeled in part: (Box) "50 Lbs. Net California Evaporated Apples."

On November 4, 1942, Jack Gomperts & Co., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond conditioned that it be brought into compliance with the law under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

4442. Adulteration of figs. U. S. v. 22 Boxes of Figs. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 8401. Sample No. 21265-F.)

On September 23, 1942, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Ohio filed a libel against 22 25-pound boxes of figs at Youngstown, Ohio, alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about November 23, 1940, by the Pacific Raisin Co., from Fowler, Calif.; and charging that it was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance. The article was labeled in part: "Pheasant Brand Standard Adriatic Figs Packed by Bonner Packing Co., Fresno, Calif."

On December 3, 1942, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

4443. Adulteration of dried peaches. U. S. v. 94 Boxes of Dried Peaches. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 7638. Sample No. 70899-E.)

On or about July 22, 1942, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Georgia filed a libel against 94 boxes of dried peaches at Atlanta, Ga., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about December 23, 1941, by the Bonner Packing Co. from Fresno, Calif.; and charging that it was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance. The article was labeled in part: "Blue Jay Brand Varigrade Recleaned Peaches."

On November 12, 1942, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed. Destruction was accomplished by feeding the product to hogs at the penitentiary.