## FISH, SHELLFISH, AND SEA-FOOD PRODUCTS

6912. Adulteration of canned croakers. U. S. v. 9 Cases of Canned Fish. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 13192. Sample Nos. 28892–F, 28898–F.)

LIBEL FILED: August 8, 1944, Southern District of Georgia.

Alleged Shipment: On or about November 10 or 16, 1943, by the Daylight Grocery Co., from Jacksonville, Fla.

PRODUCT: 9 cases, each containing 48 14-ounce cans, of canned fish, at Black-shear, Ga.

Label, in Part: (Can) "A Deep Sea Product \* \* \* Atlantic Ocean Fish Croaker \* \* \* Gale & Company Palatka, Fla. Packers."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of decomposed fish.

Disposition: September 11, 1944. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

6913. Adulteration of salt herring. U. S. v. 816 Cases of Herring (and 2 other seizure actions against herring).

product ordered released under bond; remainder ordered destroyed.

(F. D. C. Nos. 12108, 12651, 12660. Sample Nos. 35057-F, 52851-F, 63518-F.)

LIBELS FILED: Between March 30 and June 16, 1944, Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia and Eastern District of Virginia.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: From on or about October 15, 1943, to March 4, 1944, by the B. A. Griffin Co., Inc., from Boston, Mass.

PRODUCT: 816 cases of salt herring at Norfolk, Va., 175 cases at Athens, Ga., and 100 cases at LaGrange, Ga., each case containing 6 5-pound cans.

LABEL, IN PART: (Cans) "Griffin's Jumbo River Roe Herring."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance.

Disposition: July 7 and 10, 1944. No claimant having appeared for the Athens and the LaGrange lots, judgments of condemnation were entered and the product was ordered destroyed. On August 15, 1944, the B. A. Griffin Co., Inc., claimant for the Norfolk lot, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond, to be brought into compliance with the law under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. The unfit portion was segregated and destroyed.

6914. Adulteration of salt herring. U. S. v. 36 Cans of Herring. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 12652. Sample No. 35058-F.)

LIBEL FILED: June 10, 1944, Middle District of Georgia.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about March 1, 1944, by the Quincy Market Cold Storage Co., from Boston, Mass.

PRODUCT: 36 5-pound cans of salt herring at Athens, Ga.

LABEL, IN PART: (Cans) "Griffin's Jumbo River Roe Herring \* \* \* Packed by B. A. Griffin Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wis."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance.

Disposition: July 7, 1944. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

6915. Misbranding of canned crab meat. U. S. v. Bjelland, Lange & Co., Inc. Plea of Guilty. Fine, \$500. (F. D. C. No. 10583. Sample Nos. 17426-F, 17427-F.)

INFORMATION FILED: August 25, 1944, Southern District of New York, against Bjelland, Lange & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about May 25, 1942, from the State of Illinois into the State of New York.

Label, in Part: "KING Brand \* \* \* FANCY QUALITY DEEP SEA CRAB MEAT \* \* \* Packed in Siberia, Soviet Russia."

VIOLATIONS CHARGED: Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the statement, "Packed in SIBERIA, SOVIET RUSSIA," was false and misleading since the article had been packed in Japan; and, Section 301 (k), the defendant, while the article was held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce, caused the article to be relabeled, which action resulted in the above-mentioned misbranding.

DISPOSITION: September 25, 1944. A plea of guilty was entered, and the defendant was fined \$500.

6916. Adulteration of frozen shrimp. U. S. v. 11 Boxes and 14 Boxes of Frozen Shrimp. Default decrees of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. Nos. 14034, 14092. Sample Nos. 82016–F, 82017–F.)

LIBELS FILED: October 16 and 27, 1944, Southern District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 11, 1944, by the Patterson Shrimp Co., Patterson, La., and the Pacetti Fish Co., E. J. Pacetti, and Herbert Pacetti, Morgan City, La.; and on or about September 13, 1944, by the Patterson Shrimp Co., Patterson, La.

PRODUCT: 11 boxes, containing approximately 1,544 pounds, and 14 boxes, containing 1,314 pounds, of frozen shrimp at New York, N. Y.

LABEL, IN PART: (Boxes) "PRAWN B'klyn Bridge Freez & Cold Stor Co N. Y. C. 14501 [or "14515"] Recd 9 15 44."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance.

Disposition: November 8 and 18, 1944. No claimant having appeared, judgments of condemnation were entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

6917. Adulteration of swordfish livers. U. S. v. 7 Cans of Swordfish Livers. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 13404. Sample No. 88084–F.)

LIBEL FILED: August 28, 1944, District of Massachusetts.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about July 9 and 10, 1944, by Earl A. Smith, from Block Island, R. I., to Boston, Mass. Product reshipped from Boston, Mass., to Gloucester, Mass.

PRODUCT: 7 cans, containing a total of approximately 150 pounds, of swordfish livers at Gloucester, Mass.

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance.

DISPOSITION: October 2, 1944. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES\*

## DRIED FRUIT

6918. Adulteration of dried prunes. U. S. v. 5,400 Cases of Prunes (and 1 other seizure action against prunes). Consent decrees of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. Nos. 13483, 13485. Sample Nos. 75434-F, 75436-F, 75437-F.)

LIBELS FILED: September 1, 1944, Western District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENTS: Between on or about December 14, 1943, and January 20, 1944, by California Packing Corporation, Plants Nos. 51 and 58, from San Jose, and Fruitvale, Calif.

PRODUCT: 5,400 cases and 1,980 cases, each containing 25 pounds, of dried prunes at Rochester, N. Y.

LABEL, IN PART: "Del Monte Brand Santa Clara [or "Comet Brand California"]
Prunes."

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of larvae, cocoons, and insect excreta.

DISPOSITION: October 23, 1944. Harold H. Clapp, Inc., Rochester, N. Y., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libels, judgments of condemnation were entered and the product was ordered released under bond, for the purpose of distillation under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

<sup>\*</sup> See also No. 6806.