6980. Adulteration of peanut butter. U. S. v. 20 Cases and 88 Cases of Peanut Butter. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. Nos. 13322, 13603. Sample Nos. 63724-F, 79805-F.)

LIBELS FILED: August 8 and September 5, 1944, District of Columbia and Western District of North Carolina.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about July 2 and 13, 1944, by Southgate Foods, from Norfolk, Va.

PRODUCT: 20 cases, each containing 24 1-pound jars, of peanut butter at Washington, D. C., and 88 cases, each containing 24 1-pound jars, at Shelby, N. C.

LABEL, IN PART: (Jars) "Lynnhaven Brand Peanut Butter."

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 dirt.

Disposition: September 5 and October 14, 1944. No claimants having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

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6981. Adulteration of chili peppers. U. S. v. 16 Straw Containers of Chili Peppers. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond or upon deposit of cash collateral. (F. D. C. No. 13218. Sample No. 39573-F.)

LIBEL FILED: August 11, 1944, Southern District of California.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about March 14, 1944, by the Banco Mercantile Co., from Laredo, Tex.

PRODUCT: 16 straw containers, each containing about 400 pounds, of chili peppers, at Los Angeles, Calif.

Examination disclosed the presence of moldy peppers and larvae, pupae, and

insect excreta in the product.

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted

in whole or in part of a decomposed and filthy substance.

Disposition: September 11, 1944. The XLNT Spanish Food Co., Los Angeles, Calif., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and product was ordered released upon the execution of a bond or the deposit of eash collaterial, conditioned that it be brought into compliance with the law under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

6982. Adulteration of chili peppers. U. S. v. 127 Bags of Chili Peppers. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 13481. Sample No. 74052-F.)

LIBEL FILED: September 5, 1944, Southern District of California.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about December 10, 1943, from Mexico.

PRODUCT: 127 bags, each containing approximately 135 pounds, of chili peppers at Vernon, Calif., in the possession of the Federal Ice & Cold Storage Co.

The product was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. It was rodent-gnawed through open ends of the bags, and rodent pellets and urine stains were observed on the bags. Examination showed that the article was rodent-gnawed and contained rodent hair fragments.

VIOLATIONS CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: September 25, 1944. The Walkers Austex Chili Co., claimant, 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 Federal Security Agency. The unfit portion was segregated and denatured for use as poultry feed.

6983. Adulteration of chili pods. U. S. v. 10 Cartons of Chili Pods. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 13058. Sample No. 69727-F.)

LIBEL FILED: July 28, 1944, Northern District of Texas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 27, 1944, by the G. B. Gentry Co., Los Angeles, Calif.