NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS*

8773. Adulteration of areca nuts. U. S. v. 115 Bags of Areca Nuts. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 15434. Sample No. 22432—H.)

LIBEL FILED: February 26, 1945, Southern District of Illinois.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: September 21, 1944, by the Saboor Chatoor Co. of Colombo, from New York, N. Y.

PRODUCT: 115 100-pound bags of areca nuts at Peoria, Ill.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of filthy and decomposed substances by reason of the presence of insects, insect excreta, and moldy nuts.

DISPOSITION: May 24, 1945. Allaire Woodward and Co., Peoria, Ill., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for segregation and destruction of the unfit portion, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

8774. Adulteration of cashew nuts. U. S. v. 10 Cases of Cashew Nuts. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 15444. Sample No. 28015-H.)

LIBEL FILED: February 28, 1945, Western District of Washington.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 30, 1944, by Zaloom & Co., from New York, N. Y.

PRODUCT: 5 cases of split cashew nuts and 5 cases of whole cashew nuts, each case containing 2 25-pound tins, at Seattle, Wash.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of beetles, insect excreta, webbing, and insect-infested nuts.

DISPOSITION: April 28, 1945. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

8775. Adulteration of cashew kernels. U. S. v. 4 Tins of Cashew Kernels. Consent decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 15420. Sample No. 26522-H.)

LIBEL FILED: On or about February 28, 1945, District of Colorado.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about November 6, 1944, by the Braun Importing Co., from New York, N. Y.

Product: 4 25-pound tins of cashew kernels at Denver, Colo.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of larvae, larva fragments, webbing, and insect excreta.

DISPOSITION: March 28, 1945. The consignee having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

8776. Adulteration of peanuts in shell. U. S. v. 175 Bags of Peanuts in Shell. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 15395. Sample No. 18214–H.)

LIBEL FILED: February 17, 1945, Northern District of Iowa.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 10, 1944, from Suffolk, Va.

PRODUCT: 175 90-pound bags of peanuts in shell at Dubuque, Iowa, in the possession of the Lawson Warehouse & Transfer. The article was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Some of the bags were rodent-gnawed, and rodent pellets were observed on them. Examination showed that the article contained rodent pellets, rodent hairs, and insect-infested and moldy peanuts.

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

^{*}See also Nos. 8783, 8784.

DISPOSITION: March 13, 1945. The Pond Bros. Peanut Co., Inc., 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.

8777. Adulteration of pecan meats. U. S. v. 82 Boxes of Pecan Meats. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 15378. Sample No. 17409-H.)

LIBEL FILED: February 21, 1945, Northern District of Illinois.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about May 2, 1944, by the Havana Canning Co., from Havana, Fla.

PRODUCT: 82 27-pound boxes of pecan meats at Chicago, Ill.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed substance by reason of the presence of insect webbing, insect excreta, and moldy and decomposed nut meats; and it was otherwise unfit for food by reason of the presence of black-spotted pecan kernels.

DISPOSITION: June 4, 1945. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

8778. Adulteration of shelled pecans. U. S. v. 17 Cartons of Shelled Pecans. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 15341. Sample No. 2829–H.)

LIBEL FILED: March 1, 1945, District of Columbia.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about June 27, 1944, from Orangeburg, S. C.

PRODUCT: 17 55-pound cartons of shelled pecans at Washington, D. C., in the possession of the Terminal Refrigerating and Warehousing Corporation, 11th Street Plant. The product had been stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. Some of the cartons had been gnawed by rodents, and rodent excreta pellets were observed inside the cartons. Examination showed that the product contained rodent excreta pellets.

NATURE OF CHARGE: 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 might have become contaminated with filth.

Disposition: March 29, 1945. Edward M. Swing (Polly Trent Candy Co.), Washington, D. C., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for segregation of the fit portion from the unfit portion, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. The unfit portion was to be delivered to the National Zoological Park, for use as animal feed.

S779. Adulteration of shelled pecans. U. S. v. 50 Cartons of Shelled Pecans. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 15423. Sample No. 18832–H.)

LIBEL FILED: February 24, 1945, District of Minnesota.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about January 23, 1945, by the Gulf States Pecan Co., from Waycross, Ga.

PRODUCT: 50 30-pound cartons of shelled pecans at Minneapolis, Minn.

LABEL, IN PART: "Gulf Brand * * * Selected Medium Pecan Halves."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of *Escherichia coli*.

DISPOSITION: March 21, 1945. The Gulf States Pecan Co., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, 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 product was reprocessed by washing and heating.