NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), (portion) a mixture of buckwheat hulls, buckwheat middlings, salt, and flavor had been substituted in whole or in part for pure black pepper; and (remainder) a product containing foreign materials including starch and salt but little, if any, pepper had been substituted for black pepper.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label statements "Pure Black Pepper" and

"Black Pepper" were false and misleading.

DISPOSITION: January 7 and 15 and February 4, 1947. No claimant having appeared for any of the lots, judgments of condemnation were entered and the products were ordered destroyed.

10493. Adulteration and misbranding of black pepper. U. S. v. 367 Cards * * * (F. D. C. No. 21843. Sample No. 15499-H.)

LIBEL FILED: December 9, 1946, Western District of Michigan.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 3, 1946, by the Crack-A-Nut Co., from Chicago, Ill.

PRODUCT: 367 cards, each containing 12 ½-ounce packages, of black pepper at Grand Rapids, Mich.

LABEL, IN PART: "Tastegood Brand Extra Fancy Selected Pure Black Pepper.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), a substance consisting essentially of cottonseed hulls, soybean hulls, ground buckwheat, wheat flour, and black pepper had been substituted in whole or in part for pure black pepper.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the designation "Pure Black Pepper" was

false and misleading.

DISPOSITION: February 10, 1947. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

10494. Adulteration and misbranding of black pepper. U. S. v. 93 Cards * * *. (F. D. C. No. 21890. Sample No. 42721-H.)

LIBEL FILED: November 29, 1946, District of Maryland.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 3, 1946, by the Cooper Supply Co., from Philadelphia, Pa.

PRODUCT: 93 cards, each containing 12 %-ounce bags, of black pepper at Baltimore, Md.

LABEL, IN PART: "Red Star Pure Black Pepper Packed by Red Star Packing Co."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), a mixture of buckwheat hulls, buckwheat middlings, salt, and flavor had been substituted in whole or in part for pure black pepper, which the article was represented to be.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label designation "Pure Black Pepper"

was false and misleading.

DISPOSITION: January 7, 1947. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

10495. Adulteration and misbranding of black pepper. U. S. v. 3 Cartons * * *. (F. D. C. No. 22120. Sample No. 90306-H.)

LIBEL FILED: December 23, 1946, District of Columbia.

PRODUCT: 3 cartons, each containing 24 cards of 12 %-ounce envelopes, of black pepper offered for sale by Carl's, Washington, D. C.

LABEL, IN PART: "Red Star Pure Black Pepper Packed by Red Star Packing Co., Phila. Pa."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), a substance consisting of ground black pepper and ground soybeans had been substituted in whole or in part for pure black pepper.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label designation "Pure Black Pepper"

was false and misleading.

Disposition: February 20, 1947. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.