13855. Adulteration of peanuts. U. S. v. 58 Bags \* \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 25198. Sample No. 23025-K.)

LIBEL FILED: July 26, 1948, Western District of Louisiana.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about May 15, 1948, from Suffolk, Va.

PRODUCT: 58 100-pound bags of peanuts at Shreveport, La.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of insects. (The article was adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.)

Disposition: August 6, 1948. The Pond Bros. Peanut Co., Inc., Suffolk, Va., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for reprocessing, redusting, and curing, under the supervision of the Federal Security Agency. The reprocessing operations consisted of shelling the peanuts and sorting the unfit peanuts from the good peanuts. The unfit peanuts were denatured for use as hog feed, and the good peanuts were set aside for conversion into edible oil.

13856. Adulteration of peanuts. U. S. v. 25 Bags, etc. (F. D. C. No. 25052. Sample Nos. 25512-K, 25513-K.)

LIBEL FILED: July 17, 1948, District of Minnesota.

Alleged Shipment: On or about January 17, 1948, from Mobridge, S. Dak.

PRODUCT: Peanuts. 25 100-pound bags and 25 105-pound bags at St. Cloud, Minn., in possession of the Nash-Finch Co.

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 rodent pellets and rodent-gnawed peanuts; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth. The product was adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

Disposition: September 9, 1948. The Nash-Finch Co., Minneapolis, Minn., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond to be disposed of in compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. Of the 36 bags seized, 5 100-pound bags and 7 105-pound bags were segregated as unfit and were disposed of for use as hog and cattle feed.

13857. Adulteration of pecan meats. U. S. v. Alex Pecan Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. D. C. No. 23601. Sample No. 69749-H.)

Information Filed: December 15, 1947, Southern District of Georgia, against the Alex Pecan Co., a corporation, Douglas, Ga.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 3, 1947, from the State of Georgia into the State of Illinois.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of fecal *E. Coli*; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been prepared and packed under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

Disposition: June 14, 1948. A plea of guilty having been entered, the court imposed a fine of \$50.