14081. Misbranding of peanuts and cashew nuts. U. S. v. 33 Cartons, etc. (F. D. C. No. 25506. Sample Nos. 7667-K to 7669-K, incl.)

LIBEL FILED: August 27, 1948, Western District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about July 9, 1948, by Lik-Em Peanut Co., Inc., from Pittsburgh, Pa.

PRODUCT: 33 cartons, each containing 12 4-ounce baskets, of salted peanuts; 10 cartons, each containing 12 4-ounce baskets, of Spanish peanuts; and 10 cartons, each containing 12 4-ounce baskets, of cashew nuts at Buffalo, N. Y.

LABEL, IN PART: (Basket) "Lik-Em Salted Peanuts [or "Cashew Nuts"]."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 403 (d), the containers of the product were so filled as to be misleading since there was an excessive amount of invisible unfilled space therein, making the baskets appear to contain more nuts than was actually the case.

Disposition: September 20, 1948. Default decree of condemnation. The product was ordered delivered to a charitable institution.

14082. Adulteration of coconut. U.S. v. 25 Cartons * * *. (F. D. C. No. 25762. Sample No. 499-K.)

LIBEL FILED: September 17, 1948, Middle District of North Carolina.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about November 5, 1947, from Miami, Fla.

PRODUCT: 25 cartons, each containing 48 4-ounce packages, of coconut at Winston-Salem, N. C.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence of mold and was unfit for food by reason of its soapy taste. It was adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

Disposition: December 15, 1948. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

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14083. Adulteration and misbranding of french dressing. U. S. v. 208 Cases * * *. (F. D. C. No. 22366. Sample No. 62224-H.)

LIBEL FILED: January 3, 1947, District of Montana.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 25 and October 4, 1946, by the George Importing Co., from Chicago, Ill.

PRODUCT: 208 cases, each containing 24 12-ounce bottles, of french dressing at Havre, Mont.

LABEL, IN PART: "Maurice's French Dressing Contains salad oil, vinegar, water, sugar, paprika, spices, tomato puree and gum tragacanth."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402, (b) (1), a valuable constituent, oil, had been in whole or in part omitted from the product.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label statement "French Dressing" was false and misleading since the product contained an insignificant amount of oil. Further misbranding, Section 403 (a), the labeling of the product was misleading since the listing of "Salad Oil" first in the list of ingredients gave the impression that this was the predominating ingredient, as is expected in french dressing.

DISPOSITION: March 21, 1947. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.