

15839. Adulteration of tomato puree. U. S. v. Decatur Packing Corp. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$200. (F. D. C. No. 28181. Sample Nos. 34303-K, 34308-K, 42150-K.)

INFORMATION FILED: November 28, 1949, Southern District of Indiana, against the Decatur Packing Corp., Greensburg, Ind.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about March 18 and May 31, 1949, from the State of Indiana into the States of California and Illinois.

LABEL, IN PART: (Can) "Monarch Tomato Puree Distributors Reid Murdoch, Chicago, Ill. A Division of Consolidated Grocers Corporation" or "Sexton * * * Tomato Puree Distributed by John Sexton & Co. Chicago, Ill."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in part of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence of decomposed tomato material.

DISPOSITION: December 23, 1949. A plea of guilty having been entered, the court imposed a fine of \$200.

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15840. Adulteration of canned ham chunks. U. S. v. 909 Cases * * *. (F. D. C. No. 27891. Sample No. 30441-K.)

LIBEL FILED: October 3, 1949, Southern District of California.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 29, 1949, by Plymouth Rock Provision Co., Inc., from New York, N. Y.

PRODUCT: 909 cases, each containing 24 2-pound, 2-ounce cans, of ham chunks at San Diego, Calif.

LABEL, IN PART: "Plymouth Rock Brand Ham Chunks."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance. (Examination showed the presence of leakers and hard swells.)

DISPOSITION: October 25, 1949. Plymouth Rock Provision Co., Inc., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the court ordered that the product be released under bond for segregation of the unfit portion under Government supervision. Segregation operations resulted in the destruction of 447 cans of the product.

15841. Adulteration of frozen dressed chickens. U. S. v. 45 Boxes * * * (and 1 other seizure action). (F. D. C. Nos. 27975, 28359. Sample Nos. 55499-K, 70106-K.)

LIBELS FILED: November 10 and 18, 1949, District of Nebraska and Southern District of Iowa.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about October 4, 9, and 17, 1949, by the Jeck Packing Co., from Fairmont, Minn.

PRODUCT: Frozen dressed chickens. 45 boxes, containing approximately 2,700 pounds, at Omaha, Nebr., and 31,967 pounds at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of (Omaha lot) a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent excreta and (Council Bluffs lot) rodent excreta and chicken excreta; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been prepared under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.