

20394. Adulteration of shelled pecans. U. S. v. Vernon-Pope Pecan Shellers and Donald M. Pope. Pleas of nolo contendere. Each defendant fined \$50; fine against individual suspended. (F. D. C. No. 34843. Sample Nos. 62118-L, 62134-L.)

INFORMATION FILED: June 10, 1953, Eastern District of Oklahoma, against the Vernon-Pope Pecan Shellers, a partnership, Okmulgee, Okla., and Donald M. Pope, plant manager.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 5 and September 24, 1952, from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Arkansas.

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

DISPOSITION: June 18, 1953. The defendants having entered pleas of nolo contendere, the court fined each defendant \$50, but suspended the fine against the individual.

20395. Adulteration of shelled pecans. U. S. v. 28 Cartons * * *. (F. D. C. No. 34725. Sample Nos. 14943-L, 14995-L.)

LIBEL FILED: February 27, 1953, District of Kansas.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 4, 1952, by Shawnee Warehouse & Cold Storage Co., Inc., from Shawnee, Okla.

PRODUCT: 28 30-pound cartons of shelled pecans at Kansas City, Kans.

LABEL, IN PART: "Midget Pieces Harp's Oklahoma Brand Gas Packed Select Shelled Pecans * * * Pecan Meats."

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 larvae.

DISPOSITION: April 18, 1953. Shawnee Warehouse & Cold Storage 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 to be brought into compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The product was segregated, with the result that approximately 800 pounds of the product were released as satisfactory for human consumption.

20396. Adulteration of unshelled pecans. U. S. v. 46 Bags * * *. (F. D. C. No. 34771. Sample No. 19808-L.)

LIBEL FILED: March 20, 1953, Western District of Wisconsin.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about December 19, 1951, and January 8, 1952, from Cairo, Ga.

PRODUCT: 46 50-pound bags of unshelled pecans at Marshfield, Wis., in the possession of the Hub City Jobbing Co.

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

DISPOSITION: April 16, 1953. The Hub City Jobbing Co., 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 the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. 14 pounds of the product were found unfit and were denatured.