

POULTRY

20890. Adulteration of dressed turkeys. U. S. v. Fox DeLuxe Foods, Inc., and Raymond H. Matson. Pleas of guilty. Fine of \$100 against corporation and \$25 against individual. (F. D. C. No. 35141. Sample Nos. 54188-L, 54189-L.)

INFORMATION FILED: September 29, 1953, Western District of Wisconsin, against Fox DeLuxe Foods, Inc., Barron, Wis., and Raymond H. Matson, plant manager.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: Between the approximate dates of October 18 and 30, 1952, from the State of Wisconsin into the State of Illinois.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article was unfit for food by reason of the presence of turkeys which were extensively bruised; and, Section 402 (a) (5), the article was in part the product of a diseased animal, namely, diseased turkeys.

DISPOSITION: December 4, 1953. The defendants having entered pleas of guilty, the court fined the corporation \$100 and the individual \$25.

20891. Adulteration of dressed turkeys. U. S. v. 295 Crates, etc. (and 2 other seizure actions). (F. D. C. Nos. 35645, 35646, 35707. Sample Nos. 51917-L to 51919-L, incl., 51928-L.)

LIBELS FILED: September 22 and 28 and October 15, 1953, Southern District of New York and District of New Jersey.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 31 and September 3 and 4, 1953, by the Litchfield Produce Co., from Litchfield and Perham, Minn.

PRODUCT: 592 crates containing approximately 56,230 pounds, 307 crates containing approximately 28,646 pounds, and 254 crates containing approximately 23,386 pounds of dressed turkeys at Bronx and New York, N. Y., and Jersey City, N. J.

LABEL, IN PART: (Crate) "Elpeco Brand [or "Meeker Brand"] Litchfield Produce Co., Litchfield, Minn. Packed by Perham Produce Co., Inc., Perham, Minn."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence of decomposed birds. The 307-crate lot was alleged to be adulterated while in interstate commerce, and the 592- and 254-crate lots were alleged to be adulterated when introduced into and while in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: November 4 and 10, 1953. The Litchfield Produce Co., claimant, having consented to the entry of decrees, judgments of condemnation were entered and the court ordered that the product be released under bond for salvage of the good portion and destruction of the unfit portion, under the supervision of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

As a result of the salvaging operations, 942 birds were found to be in good condition and were released, and 3,756 birds were found decomposed and were denatured for rendering purposes.

20892. Adulteration of dressed poultry. U. S. v. 212 Pounds * * *. (F. D. C. No. 35665. Sample No. 51923-L.)

LIBEL FILED: September 30, 1953, Southern District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 14, 1953, by the New Hampshire Poultry Co., from Goffstown, N. H.

PRODUCT: 212 pounds of dressed poultry in 3 crates at New York, N. Y.

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 dirty birds, and of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence of decomposed birds; and it was otherwise unfit for food by reason of the presence of extensively bruised birds. Further adulteration, Section 402 (a) (5), the article was in whole or in part the product of a diseased animal.

DISPOSITION: October 23, 1953. Default decree of condemnation. The court ordered that a portion of the product be delivered to the Food and Drug Administration and that the remainder be destroyed.

SPICES, FLAVORS, AND SEASONING MATERIALS

20893. Adulteration of cumin seed, poppyseed and cinnamon quills. U. S. v. 39 Bags, etc. (F. D. C. No. 36156. Sample Nos. 57893-L to 57895-L, incl.)

LIBEL FILED: On or about November 27, 1953, District of Maryland.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about July 31, 1951, and April 13 and May 19, 1953, from French Morocco, Argentina, and Ceylon.

PRODUCT: 39 100-pound bags of cumin seed, 212 100-pound bags of poppyseed, and 20 100-pound bags of cinnamon quills at Baltimore, Md., in the possession of William G. Scarlett & Co.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the articles consisted in whole or in part of filthy substances by reason of the presence of rodent excreta, rodent urine, rodent hairs, and insects; and, Section 402 (a) (4), the articles had been held under insanitary conditions whereby they may have become contaminated with filth. The articles were adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: December 1, 1953. William G. Scarlett & Co. having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the court ordered that the products be released under bond for reconditioning under the supervision of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

As a result of the segregation operations, 257 pounds of cumin seed and 107 pounds of cinnamon quills were found unfit and were destroyed; 1,908 pounds of poppyseed were found unfit, and, of this amount 1,105 pounds were denatured for use as bird seed and 803 pounds were destroyed.

20894. Adulteration of jamaica ginger. U. S. v. 14 Bags * * *. (F. D. C. No. 35407 Sample No. 49979-L.)

LIBEL FILED: August 28, 1953, Southern District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 18, 1950, from a foreign country.

PRODUCT: 14 210-pound bags of jamaica ginger at New York, N. Y.

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.