

**PRODUCT:** 1,048 bags, each containing 140 pounds, of unroasted coffee beans at Seattle, Wash.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Merino Armenia Excelso Product of Colombia."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (1), the article contained an added poisonous and deleterious substance, lead, which may have rendered the article injurious to health; and, Section 402 (a) (2), the article contained an added poisonous and deleterious substance, lead, which is unsafe within the meaning of the law since it is a substance not required in the production of the article and can be avoided by good manufacturing practice.

**DISPOSITION:** February 15, 1954. Machado & Co., New York, N. Y., 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 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. As a result of the segregation operations, 29½ bags were found unfit and were destroyed.

**21453. Adulteration of unroasted coffee beans. U. S. v. 434 Bags \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 35501. Sample Nos. 42102-L to 42106-L, incl.)**

**LIBEL FILED:** September 22, 1953, Northern District of California.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about July 10, 1953, from Colombia.

**PRODUCT:** 434 140-pound bags of unroasted coffee beans at San Francisco, Calif.

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (1), the article contained an added poisonous and deleterious substance, lead, which may have rendered the article injurious to health; and, Section 402 (a) (2), the article contained an added poisonous and deleterious substance, lead, which is unsafe within the meaning of the law since it is a substance not required in the production of the article and can be avoided by good manufacturing practice.

**DISPOSITION:** On October 6, 1953, East Asiatic Co., Inc., San Francisco, Calif., having appeared as claimant for 415 of the 434 bags of the product under seizure and consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered against the 415 bags, and the court ordered that these bags be released under bond for reconditioning under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. On April 6, 1954, the Bunge Corp., San Francisco, Calif., having appeared as claimant for the remaining 19 bags of the product under seizure and consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered against the 19 bags, and the court ordered that these bags be released under bond for reconditioning under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

As a result of the reconditioning operations, 76 bags from the lot which was released under bond to East Asiatic Co., Inc., and all of the 19 bags released under bond to the Bunge Corp. were found unfit and were destroyed.

**21454. Adulteration of unroasted coffee beans. U. S. v. 174 Sacks \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 35476. Sample Nos. 64361-L, 64644-L.)**

**LIBEL FILED:** September 10, 1953, Western District of Washington.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about July 20, 1953, from Cundinamarca, Colombia.

**PRODUCT:** 174 sacks, each containing 140 pounds, of unroasted coffee beans at Seattle, Wash.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Merino \* \* \* Armenia Excelso Product of Colombia."