

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1761.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF CATSUP.

At the December session of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States Attorney for said district, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed an information against the Philadelphia Pickling Co., a corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on October 17, 1910, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Maryland, of a quantity of catsup which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "No. 4 Special Comp. Catsup. Antifermented, with 2/10 of 1% Benzoate of Soda, 2151."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: No evidence of active spoilage when opened. Yeasts and spores 48 per one-sixtieth cmm.; bacteria numerous, estimated at 200,000,000 per cc.; mold filaments in 80 per cent of microscopic fields; cereal product present. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that the product consisted in part of a filthy and decomposed vegetable substance.

On April 26, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs in the sum of \$12.50.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 20, 1912.*

