

4910. Adulteration of frozen eggs. U. S. * * * v. John H. Dillon et al. (Dillon & Douglass). Pleas of nolo contendere. Fines, \$30. (F. & D. No. 6965. I. S. No. 731-k.)

On or about March 28, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against John H. Dillon and William H. Douglass, copartners, trading as Dillon and Douglass, Providence, R. I., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 3, 1915, from the State of Rhode Island into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of frozen eggs, which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry, of this department, showed the following results after one day's incubation:

Organisms per cc, plain agar, at 25° C_____	190,000,000
Organisms per cc, plain agar, at 37° C_____	127,000,000
Gas-producing organisms per cc_____	100.000

Odor, musty and rotten. A large amount of mold found, showing that it is a spot egg product.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy and decomposed animal substance.

On June 15, 1916, the defendant Dillon entered a plea of nolo contendere to the information and on January 29, 1917, the defendant Douglass entered a similar plea, and the court imposed fines of \$20 and \$10, respectively.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*