

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 475, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

ADULTERATION OF OYSTERS.

On or about March 15, 1910, H. C. Rowe & Co., New Haven, Conn., shipped from the State of Connecticut to the State of Missouri a barrel containing 20 gallons of shucked oysters. Examination of this product made in the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed it to be adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. As it appeared from the findings of the analyst and report thereon that the shipment was liable to seizure under section 10 of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

In due course a libel was filed against the said 20 gallons of oysters in the District Court of the United States for said district, charging the above shipment and alleging that said oysters were contaminated and contained enormous numbers of bacteria of a type highly deleterious to health, and that they were therefore wholly unfit for food, and praying seizure, condemnation, and destruction of the product.

On May 10, 1910, the case coming on for hearing and there being no claimant of record, the court rendered its decree sustaining the allegations of the libel and directing the United States marshal for said district to destroy the above-mentioned oysters, which was forthwith done.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 25, 1910.*

