

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 541, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF MOLASSES.

(SHORT MEASURE.)

On or about March 17, 1908, the National Manufacturing Company shipped from St. Joseph, Mo., to Pueblo, Colo., a consignment of molasses. A sample from this shipment was procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture. As the findings of the analyst and report made indicated that the product was misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the said National Manufacturing Company and the party from whom the sample was procured were afforded opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the shipment was made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney-General, with a statement of the evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In due course a criminal information was filed against the said National Manufacturing Company in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Missouri, charging the above shipment, and alleging that the product was misbranded, in that it was contained in cans labeled " $\frac{1}{4}$ Gallon, Woodland Plantation Molasses, Canned only by the National Manufacturing Company, St. Joseph, Mo.," which statement on the label as to the measure of the product was incorrect, as the product contained in said cans measured less than one-fourth of a gallon.

On October 10, 1909, defendant pleaded guilty to the above information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs taxed at \$16.78.

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

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 29, 1910.*

