

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 640, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF VANILLA EXTRACT.

On or about March 8, 1910, the Crown Manufacturing Company, a corporation, New York City, shipped from the State of New York to the State of New Jersey a consignment of a food product labeled: "Vanilla. Scientifically prepared. Colored with harmless color. Serial No. 4664. Crown Manufacturing Company. New York. St. Louis." Samples of this shipment were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as the findings of the analyst and report made showed that the product was misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the Secretary of Agriculture afforded the said Crown Manufacturing Company and the party from whom the samples were procured 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 in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York against the said Crown Manufacturing Company, charging the above shipment and alleging that the product so shipped was misbranded, in that the word "Vanilla" on the label aforesaid appeared in large type, and the words "Scientifically prepared. Colored with harmless color." appeared in very small type, which fact would mislead the purchaser into believing that the said bottle contained extract of pure vanilla, whereas in truth and in fact it was labeled in a manner whereby its inferiority was concealed and was an imitation extract of vanilla, artificially colored.

On September 15, 1910, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the above information and the court imposed a fine of \$15.

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., *October 6, 1910.*

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