

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 675, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

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### MISBRANDING AND ADULTERATION OF EGGS.

On or about September 27, 1909, Armour & Co., a corporation, by Charles W. Cornwell, the local manager and agent of said company, in and for the District of Columbia, offered for sale within said District and did sell a quantity of a food product labeled "Armour's Star Brand—Fancy Selected Eggs—Guaranteed pure and wholesome," etc. Samples of this product were procured and examined by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as it appeared from the findings of the analyst and report thereon that the product was misbranded and adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the Secretary of Agriculture afforded said Armour & Co., Charles W. Cornwell, and the party from whom the samples were procured opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the said sale and offering for sale were 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 Police Court of the District of Columbia, and subsequently amended, against the said Armour & Co. and Charles W. Cornwell, charging the above sale and offering for sale, and alleging that the product in question was misbranded, in that the words "pure and wholesome" on the label above set forth were false and misleading because said food was not "pure and wholesome" but consisted wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance; and alleging the product to be adulterated, in that it consisted of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

The cause coming on for hearing, the charge of misbranding was dismissed, and a plea of guilty was entered in behalf of Armour & Co. to the charge of adulteration, whereupon the court imposed a fine of \$200.

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

WILLIS L. MOORE,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *November 5, 1910.*

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