

## United States Department of Agriculture,

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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#### NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 842, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

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##### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VANILLA EXTRACT.

On or about January 21, 1910, the Paul Manufacturing Company, a corporation, Boston, Mass., shipped from the State of Massachusetts into the State of Michigan a quantity of a food product labeled: "Concentrated Extract Vanilla; Compound Flavor of Vanilla. Vanillin, Coumarin and Vanilla .11, sugar syrup .16, caramel .01, dilute alcohol .72." Samples from this shipment were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and the product was found to contain alcohol by volume 7.37 per cent, vanillin 0.11 per cent, coumarin 0.03 per cent, and to be artificially colored with caramel. As the findings of the analyst and report made indicated that the product was adulterated and misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the Secretary of Agriculture afforded the said Paul Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, and the party from whom the samples were procured opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the said 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 District Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts against the said Paul Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, charging the above shipment and alleging the product so shipped to be adulterated within the meaning of the act, in that a substance, to wit, an imitation vanilla extract, had been substituted wholly or in part for the article; and alleging the product to be misbranded in that the

label above set forth represented it to be a concentrated extract of vanilla and a compound flavor of vanilla and to contain 11 per cent vanilla, which statements were false and misleading, because said article of food was not a concentrated extract of vanilla or a compound flavor of vanilla, and in that it did not contain 11 per cent vanilla or any vanilla whatever.

On January 30, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere to the above information, whereupon the court imposed a fine of \$25.

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., *April 14, 1911.*

