

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1155.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF OLIVE OIL.

At a stated term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York, on the first Monday of May, 1910, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, in the Second Circuit, acting upon the report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against Francesco Corrao, doing business under the firm name of Francesco Corrao & Co., alleging shipment by him, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 17, 1910, from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts of a quantity of olive oil which was adulterated and misbranded. Said product was labeled: "Universal Brand Olio uso famiglie, Pure Italian Olive Oil, compounded with salad oil, packed by Francesco Corrao, N. Y."

Analyses by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, of samples of this product, showed the following results: Specific gravity at 15.6° C./15.6° C., 0.9214; index of refraction at 25° C., 1.4705; iodine number (Hanus), 107.5; Halphen test, positive; peanut oil test, negative; sesame oil test, negative; color appears to be di methyl amino azo benzene. Adulteration was alleged because the article consisted mainly of cottonseed oil artificially colored with coal-tar dye so as to conceal its inferiority. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the product was represented as a pure Italian olive oil, which statement was false and misleading and calculated to deceive and mislead the purchaser, because, in fact, the product was not a pure olive oil, but consisted mainly of cottonseed oil.

On June 24, 1910, the defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.

W. M. HAYS,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 4, 1911.*