

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1274.

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

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### ADULTERATION OF RAISINS.

On October 11, 1910, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying condemnation and forfeiture of 337 boxes of raisins in the possession of the Interstate Warehouse Co. in the city of Philadelphia. The product was labeled: "50 lbs. Net California Raisins Seedless Muscatels. Packed by Monarch Fruit Co., Fresno, Cal."

A sample, collected by the trade method which was adopted at the suggestion of the consignee, consisting of one pound from the center of five representative boxes taken promiscuously from the shipment, was examined by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture and showed the following results: 200 grams showed 16 per cent by weight of shriveled and dried raisins, one live worm, and eight weevils. The libel alleged that the product, after shipment by R. C. Griffith & Co. from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, remained in the original unbroken packages and was adulterated in violation of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, because it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed vegetable substance, and was therefore liable to seizure for confiscation.

On February 24, 1911, a decree was entered declaring the product adulterated as alleged in the libel and condemning and forfeiting it to the United States and ordering it to be sold by the marshal, but with the proviso that, upon the payment of costs by the claimant and the giving of a bond in the sum of \$750 that the product should not be sold or disposed of contrary to law, it should be released to the claimant.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 6, 1912.*