

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2147.

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

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### ADULTERATION OF OIL OF CAJUPUT.

On July 8, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Meyer Bros. Drug Co., a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 10, 1911, from the State of Missouri into the State of Texas, of a quantity of oil of cajuput which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "One pound Oil Cajuput (Oleum Cajuputi) U. S. P. Guaranteed xxx No. 55, Meyer Bros. Drug Co., Saint Louis."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity at 25° C., 0.9127; refractive index at 20° C., 1.4698; optical rotation, 100 mm 20° C., -1.38°; soluble in 1 volume 80 per cent alcohol; solution acid to litmus; copper, present. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, to wit, "Oil Cajuput (Oleum Cajuputi)", and the letters U. S. P., appearing upon the label, stood for United States Pharmacopœia, and were so known and understood in the trade and by purchasers of the product, which, when so sold and transported, differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in the United States Pharmacopœia official at the time of the shipment and the investigation, in that the product was high in specific gravity and contained copper, and the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the product was not stated on the bottle or other container thereof.

On September 26, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25, with costs.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 26, 1912.*