

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2730.

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

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**U. S. v. J. F. Eckard. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25.**

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### ADULTERATION OF DRIED APPLES.

At the June, 1912, term of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia the grand jurors of the United States within and for said district, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, returned an indictment against J. F. Eckard, Edinburg, Va., charging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, during the month of October, 1911, from the State of Virginia into the State of Maryland, of a quantity of a product purporting to be dried apples which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "I Cooke & Sons Commission Merchants, 7 West Pratt St., Baltimore, Md. J. F. Eckard, Bowman, Va."

Examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: 343 grams contained 3 beetles, 14 worms; many pieces dark; covered with excreta. Adulteration of the product was charged in the indictment for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On June 3, 1913, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the indictment and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

C. F. MARVIN,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 8, 1913.*