

4262. Adulteration of tomato paste. U. S. v. George Roncoroni. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 6639. I. S. No. 1314-k.)

On September 21, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against George Roncoroni, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on August 25, 1914, from the State of New York into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of tomato paste, which was adulterated. The product was labeled: (On can) "Tomato Paste Red Alloway Pkg. Co. Alloway, N. J. Net Weight 14 Oz. Serial No. 10788." (On shipping package) "Tomato Paste G. Roncoroni, 148 Spring St., N. Y."

Examination of samples of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Sample No.	Yeast and spores per 1/60 cmm.	Bacteria per cc.	Mold filaments present in per cent of microscopic fields.
1.....	63	280,000,000	<i>Per cent fields.</i> 20
2.....	90	450,000,000	14

A partially decomposed vegetable product.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed vegetable matter.

On September 30, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*