

5455. Adulteration of baked beans. U. S. * * * v. 110 Cases * * * of Baked Beans. Default decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered sold. (F. & D. No. 8111. I. S. No. 11062-m. S. No. C-655.)

On February 24, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Minnesota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 110 cases of baked beans, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at St. Paul, Minn., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about February 2, 1917, by the Union Packing Co., Omaha, Nebr., and transported from the State of Nebraska into the State of Minnesota, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Dependable Brand Baked Beans with Tomato Sauce * * * Packed by Union Packing Co., Omaha, Neb. * * *."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On April 2, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be sold by the United States marshal, and that the purchaser should furnish a good and sufficient bond, conditioned in part that said beans should not be used for human consumption.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*