

6208. Adulteration of grapefruit. U. S. * * * y. 300 Boxes of Grapefruit. Default decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Good portion sold. Unfit portion ordered destroyed. (F. & D, No. 8762. I. S. No. 16523-p. S. No. W-213.)

On or about January 19, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, 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 300 boxes of grapefruit, consigned by H. C. Schrader Co., Homestead, Fla., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Denver, Colo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about January 4, 1918, and transported from the State of Florida into the State of Colorado, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it had been frozen, and the tissues thereof were undergoing rapid disintegration as a result of said freezing, and that it consisted in part of bitter, soft, mushy, and partly decomposed grapefruit.

On January 30, 1918, it appearing to the court that a portion of the product was not unfit for food, an order was entered directing the marshal to permit a representative of this department to assort the grapefruit and to sell through some reputable commission firm such of the fruit as was found fit for food and to return the adulterated and unfit portions thereof to the marshal. On March 19, 1918, the case having come on for final disposition, the action of the representative of this department in assorting and selling the grapefruit was approved and confirmed, and it was found by the court that the grapefruit held by the marshal was adulterated, and it was ordered that the same should be condemned, forfeited, and destroyed by the United States marshal.

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