

6209. Adulteration of oranges and tangerines. U. S. * * * v. 282 Boxes of Oranges and 85 Boxes of Tangerines. Default decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Good portion sold. Unfit portion ordered destroyed. (F. & D. No. 8763. I. S. No. 16522-p. S. No. W-212.)

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 282 boxes of oranges and 85 boxes of tangerines, consigned by H. C. Schrader Co., Orlando, Fla., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Denver, Colo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about December 31, 1917, from the State of Florida into the State of Colorado, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

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

On March 19, 1918, the case having come on for final disposition, and in pursuance of an order of the court entered January 29, 1918, the portion of the product that was fit for food having been separated from that portion unfit for food and sold in pursuance of said order, and no claimant having appeared for the portion of the property that had been found unfit for food, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the oranges and tangerines found to have been unfit for food should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

G. I. CHRISTIE, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*