

**6545. Adulteration of tomato pulp. U. S. \* \* \* v. Ernest Griffith (Ernest Griffith Co.). Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$20 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8965. I. S. Nos. 2553-p, 3158-p.)**

On July 6, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Ernest Griffith, trading as Ernest Griffith Co., Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 20, 1917, and September 24, 1917, from the State of Maryland into the States of South Carolina and New York, respectively, of quantities of tomato pulp which was adulterated.

Examination of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed them to be sour, moldy, and decomposed.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information, for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On July 6, 1918, the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20 and costs.

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