

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** Between the approximate dates of December 19, 1945, and January 12, 1946, by the Gravette Shelling Co., from Gravette, Ark., and Kansas City, Mo.

**PRODUCT:** Black walnut meats. 62 cartons at Denver, Colo., 172 cartons at St. Louis, Mo., and 6 cartons at Indianapolis, Ind., each carton containing 30 pounds. Examination showed that the product contained *E. coli*, an organism which indicates pollution of fecal origin, and, consequently, that it was contaminated with filth.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Ozarks' Best Brand Black Walnut Meats," or "Large Black Walnuts Pasteurized Ozarks' Best Brand Black Walnut Meats."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance.

**DISPOSITION:** April 5 and 30, 1946. No claimant having appeared for the Indianapolis lot, and the Gravette Shelling Co., Gravette, Ark., having appeared as claimant for the other lots, and having consented to the entry of decrees, judgments of condemnation were entered. The Indianapolis lot of the product was ordered destroyed, and the other lots were ordered released under bond for the purpose of washing, pasteurizing, and sterilizing, under the supervision of the Federal Security Agency.

**10858. Adulteration of black walnut meats. U. S. v. 12 Cartons \* \* \* (and 2 other seizure actions).** (F. D. C. Nos. 19167, 19240, 19241. Sample Nos. 5305-H, 7231-H, 65002-H.)

**LIBELS FILED:** February 4, 25, and 26, 1946, Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania and New York.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about December 17 and 31, 1945, and January 3, 1946, by the Lefkovits-Fleisman Co., from Nashville, Tenn.

**PRODUCT:** 17 50-pound cartons of black walnut meats at Philadelphia, Pa., and 27 50-pound cartons of the same product at Brooklyn, N. Y.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Best Quality Black Walnut Kernels 'Tennessee Topps'."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of *E. coli*.

**DISPOSITION:** On April 11, 1946, no claimant having appeared for the Philadelphia lots, judgments of condemnation were entered and the product was ordered destroyed. On April 5, 1946, Mitchel Beck Co., Inc., claimant for the Brooklyn lot, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for cleaning and pasteurizing and for the removing of all objectionable substances, under the supervision of the Federal Security Agency.

**10859. Adulteration of black walnut meats. U. S. v. 16 Cases \* \* \*.** (F. D. C. Nos. 19155, 19156. Sample Nos. 15001-H, 18100-H.)

**LIBELS FILED:** February 27, 1946, Northern District of Illinois.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about November 14 and December 1, 1945, by the Block Produce Co., from Burnside, Ky.

**PRODUCT:** 25 50-pound cartons of black walnut meats at Chicago, Ill.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Southern Bell Black Walnut Kernels [or "Black Walnuts"]."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent hair fragments; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been prepared under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

**DISPOSITION:** March 19, 1946. S. S. Block, claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libels, and the cases having been consolidated, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond to be brought into compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

**10860. Adulteration of black walnut meats. U. S. v. 61 Cartons \* \* \*.** (F. D. C. No. 19166. Sample No. 4666-H.)

**LIBEL FILED:** February 5, 1946, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about December 14, 1945, by Arthur P. Slaughter, from Bristol, Tenn.

**PRODUCT:** 61 60-pound cartons of black walnut meats at Philadelphia, Pa.  
**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of *E. coli*.  
**DISPOSITION:** March 7, 1946. William A. Hertle, Philadelphia, Pa., having appeared as claimant, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond, conditioned that it be brought into compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

**10861. Adulteration of black walnut meats. U. S. v. 2 Drums \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 19165. Sample No. 7229-H.)**

**LIBEL FILED:** February 6, 1946, Southern District of New York.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about November 21, 1945, by Arthur P. Slaughter, from Bristol, Tenn.

**PRODUCT:** 2 200-pound drums of black walnut meats at New York, N. Y.

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of *E. coli*.

**DISPOSITION:** April 9, 1946. Arthur P. Slaughter, claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond, conditioned that it be washed, pasteurized, and labeled. It was provided further that if, upon inspection by the Food and Drug Administration, the product or any portion of it was still unfit for human consumption, it was to be destroyed or denatured for use as hog feed.

**10862. Adulteration of walnut meats. U. S. v. 23 Cases \* \* \* (and 2 other seizure actions). (F. D. C. Nos. 18798, 18832, 19143. Sample Nos. 37403-H, 47417-H, 58901-H.)**

**LIBELS FILED:** January 7 and 16 and February 19, 1946, Western District of Washington and District of Utah.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** Between the approximate dates of October 27 and December 27, 1945, by Granton and Co., from Los Angeles, Calif.

**PRODUCT:** Walnut meats. 23 cases at Tacoma, Wash., 106 cases at Seattle, Wash., and 3 cartons at Salt Lake City, Utah, each case or carton containing 25 pounds.

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of insect-damaged and infested nuts, and, Seattle lot, of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence of moldy walnut meats.

**DISPOSITION:** February 21 and March 1 and 26, 1946. Granton and Co., claimant for the Tacoma and Seattle lots, having consented to the entry of decrees, judgments of condemnation were entered and these lots were ordered released under bond to be sorted and segregated under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration and disposed of in compliance with the law. No claimant having appeared for the Utah lot, judgment was entered ordering that the product be fed to animals, under the supervision of the United States marshal.

**10863. Adulteration of walnut pieces. U. S. v. 3 Cartons \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 18166. Sample No. 32266-H.)**

**LIBEL FILED:** November 7, 1945, District of Arizona.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about August 13, 1945, by the American Nut Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

**PRODUCT:** 3 30-pound cartons of walnut pieces at Phoenix, Ariz.

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of larvae and beetles.

**DISPOSITION:** January 18, 1946. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.