

**17493. Adulteration and misbranding of black pepper. U. S. v. 5 200-Pound Drums, etc. (and 5 other seizure actions).** (F. D. C. Nos. 30696, 30697, 30712, 30743, 31009, 31033. Sample Nos. 9080-L, 11376-L, 16176-L, 27831-L to 27833-L, incl., 28151-L, 30155-L, 30156-L.)

**LIBELS FILED:** March 15 and 16, on or about April 2, and May 10 and 25, 1951, Northern Districts of California, Ohio, and Illinois, District of Kansas, and Western District of Washington.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about July 14, August 1 and 9, September 13, October 4, and November 24, 1950, and January 30 and February 1 and 12, 1951, by the Meer Corp., from New York, N. Y.

**PRODUCT:** Black pepper. 6 200-pound drums, 4 250-pound drums, and 1 100-pound drum at San Francisco, Calif.; 4 100-pound drums at Akron, Ohio; 9 250-pound drums at Chicago, Ill.; 6 250-pound drums at Kansas City, Kans.; and 3 200-pound drums at Seattle, Wash.

**LABEL, IN PART:** "Ground [or "Cracked"] Black Pepper," "Black Pepper Ground [or "Pure Ground"]," or "Decorticated Black [or "Black Decorticated"] Pepper."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), a mixture of black pepper and paradise seed had been substituted in whole or in part for black pepper.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the above-quoted label statements were false and misleading as applied to a product consisting of a mixture of black pepper and paradise seed.

**DISPOSITION:** The cases were consolidated with others in the District of New Jersey on May 16, 1951. On June 8, 1951, the Meer Corp., New York, N. Y., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the court ordered that the product be released under bond for remixing, repackaging, and relabeling, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

**17494. Adulteration and misbranding of black pepper. U. S. v. 1 Drum \* \* \***  
(F. D. C. No. 30858. Sample No. 25243-L.)

**LIBEL FILED:** March 20, 1951, District of New Jersey.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about February 19, 1951, by Morris Laboratory Co., Inc., from New York, N. Y.

**PRODUCT:** 1 85-pound drum of black pepper at Hammonton, N. J.

**LABEL, IN PART:** Buther Ground Black Pepper."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (2), a mixture of black pepper and paradise seed had been substituted in whole or in part for black pepper.

Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label statement "Ground Black Pepper" was false and misleading as applied to a mixture of black pepper and paradise seed.

**DISPOSITION:** May 25, 1951. Default decree of condemnation. The court ordered that the product be delivered to a charitable institution.

**17495. Adulteration and misbranding of black pepper. U. S. v. 42 Cases \* \* \***  
(F. D. C. No. 30789. Sample No. 23999-L.)

**LIBEL FILED:** March 1, 1951, Eastern District of New York.