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To R. P. Webster, Office Manager, Department of Agriculture

Your letter of May 26th received, enclosing a letter from Mr. Paul T. Truitt, President of the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers, inquiring whether the sale of yellow margarine is prohibited in Maine. Based on his letter, you ask the following question: "Can yellow margarine be sold, legally, in Maine?"

Section 6 of Chapter 124, R.S. 1944, provides that imitations of butter shall not be manufactured or sold unless the original package in which the same is shipped or conveyed from the place of manufacture "shall have the word 'oleomargarine' in letters 3/4 inch high and of proportionate width plainly printed or stenciled on the top or side thereof and unless each carton or wrapper containing said oleomargarine and in which such oleomargarine is sold or kept for sale shall have the word 'oleomargarine' printed on 2 principal display panels in plain Gothic letters, not less than 20 point type."

This section further provides: "When said oleomargarine is sold from a tub or box or other container in which it is kept for sale in bulk, said oleomargarine must be wrapped in wrappers plainly stamped or printed on the outside thereof with the word 'oleomargarine' in plain Gothic letters not less than 20 point size, and shall also contain the name and address of the seller thereof and the quantity sold. . ."

In answer to your question I will say that yellow margarine may be sold in Maine if the statute relating to same in Maine is complied with, as to proper marking and labeling with name and address of the seller, etc.

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