

## Report of the Sampling Committee

V. SERBELL, Chairman

**T**HE Sampling Committee recommends that Rule 242, Section 2, be changed as follows:

*In Tank Cars.* A vertical section of the oil from top to bottom of the car must be taken with an official trier which conforms to the following specifications. This trier must be furnished by buyer at destination, or seller at shipping point;

*Diameter*—2 inches uniform diameter throughout. *Length*—sufficient to take a sample of the entire depth of oil in tank—usually 10 ft. *Closure*—a tight valve or cock at lower end which allows an unrestricted opening 2 inches in diameter when fully opened, and is free from leaks when closed. The valve shall be opened and closed by means of a rod from the top of

the trier and so constructed as to take sample within  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (or less) of the bottom of the tank.

The trier must be lowered vertically through the oil with the bottom valve wide open, at a uniform rate slow enough to permit the trier to fill as it is lowered, requiring at least 10 to 15 seconds to reach the bottom. The bottom valve is then closed, and the tube withdrawn. The trier must be clean, dry, and free from contamination with other oils when used.

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## United States Imports of Vegetable Oils March, 1932

<i>Edible Oils:</i>	Pounds	Value
Sunflower seed oil .....	.....	.....
Olive oil, pkgs., 40 lbs. or less in weight.....	3,304,114	\$334,306
Olive oil, other edible.....	4,876,993	422,935
Palm kernel oil.....	21,140	805
Peanut oil .....	218,632	14,397
Other edible oils.....	280,922	7,883
<i>Inedible Oils:</i>		
Tung oil .....	5,260,974	270,036
Coconut oil .....	20,908,963	658,761
Palm oil .....	22,867,486	642,580
<i>Inedible Oils for Mechanical or Manufacturing Purposes:</i>		
Olive oil, sulphured or foots.....	2,533,580	81,573
Olive oil, other inedible.....	1,788,013	109,563
Rapeseed oil, gallons .....	51,360	15,377
Palm kernel oil .....	11,927	529
Sesame oil .....	344	26
Rapeseed oil, gallons.....	12,615	5,185
Linseed oil .....	2,017	100
Soya bean oil .....	400,186	10,930
Perilla oil .....	983,242	39,347
Other expressed oils, free.....	134,536	9,263
Other expressed oils, dutiable.....	129,341	8,418

Source—Statistical Division of the Department of Commerce.

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