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## ***FIRM FINED FOR SELLING UNDERWEIGHT CHIPS***

Provincial Judge J.F. McCormick fined Hostess Food Products Ltd. \$3,000 today after the Cambridge firm pleaded guilty in Kitchener court to three charges of selling underweight bags of potato chips.

The charges were laid following an investigation in April, 1981, by the department of consumer and corporate affairs at the Hostess plant, 1001 Bishop St.

Special prosecutor Darryl Varney of Kitchener told the court the investigation was the result of a consumer complaint.

Varney said investigators raided the plant April 28, 1981, and inspected packaging procedures. They then took random samplings of packaged potato chips, using exhaustive procedures in the Act.

The special prosecutor said as many as 45 per cent of the samples were found deficient in weight. As a result Hostess was charged with selling a 400-gram bag of potato chips that contained only 356 grams, a 300-gram bag that contained only 284 grams, and a 42-gram bag that contained only 35 grams.

Terry Ellwood of Toronto, corporate counsel for General Foods, told the judge potato chips are difficult to weigh.