



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security

In the Matter of:)
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Gregorio Rodriguez-Aranda)
Inmate Number: 51776-379)
D. Ray James)
Correctional Institution)
P.O. Box 2000)
Folkston, GA 31537)

Order Denying Export Privileges

On February 13, 2014, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Gregorio Rodriguez-Aranda (“Rodriguez-Aranda”) was convicted of violating Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778 (2012)). Specifically, Rodriguez-Aranda conspired to knowingly and willfully export and attempted to export and caused to be exported from the United States to Mexico approximately 98 AK47 magazines and 707 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, which were designated as defense articles on the United States Munitions List, without having first obtained from the Department of State a license for such export or written authorization for such export. Rodriguez-Aranda was sentenced 57 months of imprisonment and fined a \$100 assessment.

Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR” or “Regulations”)¹ provides, in pertinent part, that “[t]he Director of the Office of Exporter

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2014). The Regulations issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (“EAA”). Since August 21, 2001, the EAA has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 7, 2014 (79

Services, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Export Enforcement, may deny the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of a violation of the Export Administration Act (“EAA”), the EAR, or any order, license or authorization issued thereunder; any regulation, license, or order issued under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706); 18 U.S.C. 793, 794 or 798; section 4(b) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 783(b)), or section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778).” 15 CFR 766.25(a); *see also* Section 11(h) of the EAA, 50 U.S.C. app. § 2410(h). The denial of export privileges under this provision may be for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. 15 CFR 766.25(d); *see also* 50 U.S.C. app. § 2410(h). In addition, Section 750.8 of the Regulations states that the Bureau of Industry and Security’s Office of Exporter Services may revoke any Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) licenses previously issued in which the person had an interest in at the time of his conviction.

BIS has received notice of Rodriguez-Aranda’s conviction for violating AECA, and in accordance with Section 766.25 of the Regulations, BIS has provided notice and an opportunity for Rodriguez-Aranda to make a written submission to BIS. BIS has not received a submission from Rodriguez-Aranda.

Based upon my review and consultations with BIS’s Office of Export Enforcement, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Rodriguez-Aranda’s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Rodriguez-Aranda’s conviction. I have also decided to revoke all

Fed. Reg. 46959 (August 11, 2014)), has continued the Regulations in effect under IEEPA.

licenses issued pursuant to the Act or Regulations in which Rodriguez-Aranda had an interest at the time of his conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

First, from the date of this Order until February 13, 2024, Gregorio Rodriguez-Aranda, with a last known address of Inmate Number: 51766-379, D. Ray James, Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 2000, Folkston, GA 31537, and when acting for or on his behalf, his successors, assigns, employees, agents or representatives (the “Denied Person”), may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as “item”) exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

- A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;
- B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or
- C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

Second, no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

- A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of the Denied Person any item subject to the Regulations;
- B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the Denied Person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the Denied Person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;
- C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the Denied Person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;
- D. Obtain from the Denied Person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or
- E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

Third, after notice and opportunity for comment as provided in Section 766.23 of the Regulations, any other person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to Rodriguez-Aranda by ownership, control, position of responsibility, affiliation, or other connection in the conduct of trade or business may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order in order to prevent evasion of this Order.

Fourth, in accordance with Part 756 of the Regulations, Rodriguez-Aranda may file an appeal of this Order with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. The appeal must be filed within 45 days from the date of this Order and must comply with the provisions of Part 756 of the Regulations.

Fifth, a copy of this Order shall be delivered to the Rodriguez-Aranda. This Order shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sixth, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until February 13, 2024.

Issued this 22 day of December, 2014.

Karen H. Nies-Vogel,
Director,
Office of Exporter Services.