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Cikena Reid,

Committee Management Officer, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 231218-0310]

Business Diversity Principles

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for information on Business Diversity Principles; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 29, 2023, the Department of Commerce (DOC) published in the **Federal Register** a notice entitled "Request for Information (RFI) on Business Diversity Principles." This RFI invited comments from the public on the draft Business Diversity Principles (BDP), which describe best practices related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in the private sector, and on the impact of DEIA initiatives. DOC is seeking input to inform the content of the BDP, share success stories and best practices related to Business Diversity, and comment on the impact of DEIA initiatives. In response from prospective commenters that they would benefit from additional time to adequately consider and respond to the RFI, DOC has determined that an extension of the comment period until February 2, 2024, is appropriate.

DATES: The end of the comment period for the notice entitled "Request for Information (RFI) on Business Diversity Principles," published on November 29, 2023 (88 FR 83380), is extended from January 5, 2024, to February 2, 2024. All comments must be received by February 2, 2024. Comments received after this date may not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: To respond to the Request for Information (RFI), please submit

electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter *DOC-2023-0003* in the search field,

2. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and

3. Enter or attach your comments.

Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roosevelt Holmes, Deputy Chief of Staff, Minority Business Development Agency, at 202-482-1079 or rholmes1@doc.gov. Please direct media inquiries to Valerie Keys in the Office of Public Affairs at 202-802-8166 or vkeys@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOC is committed to implementing Executive Orders 13985 and 14091 and is developing the BDP Initiative as part of its 2022-2026 Strategic Plan goal of promoting inclusive capitalism and equitable economic growth for all Americans. The DOC published draft Business Diversity Principles on November 29, 2023 (88 FR 83380) and sought public comment until January 5, 2024. The DOC has received requests to extend the comment period. An extension of the comment period will provide additional opportunity for the public to consider the RFI and prepare comments to address the topics listed therein. Therefore, DOC is extending the comment period for the RFI from January 5, 2024, to February 2, 2024.

Dated: December 19, 2023.

Ines Hernandez-Siqueira,

Counselor for Equity, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

In the Matter of: Rolondo Alexei Pupo-Abrahantes, Inmate Number: 76860-509, FCI Pollock, P.O. Box 4050, Pollock, LA 71467; Order Denying Export Privileges

On November 16, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Rolondo Alexei Pupo-Abrahantes ("Pupo-Abrahantes") was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 371 and 18 U.S.C. 554. Specifically, Pupo-Abrahantes was convicted of conspiring to smuggle various firearms from the United States to Ecuador. As a result of his conviction, the Court sentenced him to 30 months in prison, two years of

supervised release and a \$300 special assessment.

Pursuant to section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act (“ECRA”),¹ the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 371 and 18 U.S.C 554, may be denied for a period of up to ten (10) years from the date of his/her conviction. 50 U.S.C. 4819(e). In addition, any Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) licenses or other authorizations issued under ECRA, in which the person had an interest at the time of the conviction, may be revoked. *Id.*

BIS received notice of Pupo-Abrahamantes conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. 371 and 18 U.S.C 554. As provided in section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR” or the “Regulations”), BIS provided notice and opportunity for Pupo-Abrahamantes to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.² BIS has not received a written submission from Pupo-Abrahamantes.

Based upon my review of the record and consultations with BIS’s Office of Exporter Services, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Pupo-Abrahamantes’s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of ten years from the date of Pupo-Abrahamantes’s conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which Pupo-Abrahamantes had an interest at the time of his conviction.³

Accordingly, it is hereby *ordered*:

First, from the date of this Order until November 16, 2032, Rolondo Alexei Pupo-Abrahamantes, with a last known address of Inmate Number: 76860–509, FCI Pollock, P.O. Box 4050, Pollock, LA 71467, 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 engaging 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 from any other activity subject to the Regulations.

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

A. Export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) 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, pursuant to section 1760(e) of ECRA and sections 766.23 and 766.25 of the Regulations, any other person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to Pupo-Abrahamantes 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, Pupo-Abrahamantes 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 Pupo-Abrahamantes and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Sixth, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until November 16, 2032.

John Sonderman,

Director, Office of Export Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

In the Matter of: Jonathan Yet Wing Soong, Inmate Number: 03089–510, USP LOMPOC, U.S. Penitentiary, 3901 Klein Blvd., Lompoc, CA 93436; Order Denying Export Privileges

On April 28, 2023, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Jonathan Yet Wing Soong (“Soong”), was convicted of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*) (“IEEPA”). Specifically, Soong was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting from the United States to Beihang University, an entity on the Department of Commerce’s Entity List, EAR99 CIFER (Comprehensive Identification from Frequency Responses) software, a tool that allows a user to develop a dynamic model of an aircraft using system identification techniques, without having first obtained the required authorization from the Department of Commerce. As a result of his conviction, the Court sentenced Soong to 20 months of imprisonment, three years of supervised release, \$100 assessment and \$168,885 in restitution.

Pursuant to section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act (“ECRA”),¹ the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses,

¹ ECRA was enacted on August 13, 2018, as part of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and as amended is codified at 50 U.S.C. 4801–4852.

² The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730–774 (2022).

³ The Director, Office of Export Enforcement, is the authorizing official for issuance of denial orders pursuant to amendments to the Regulations (85 FR 73411, November 18, 2020).

¹ ECRA was enacted on August 13, 2018, as part of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 and, as amended, is codified at 50 U.S.C. 4801–4852.