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Resolution No. 201707191712 WBA Championships Committee

Heavyweight Division July 19, 2017

I. BACKGROUND

On January 11, 2017, the WBA Championships Committee issued Resolution No. 2017011117 directing Frez Oquendo ("Oquendo") and Shannon Briggs ("Briggs") to begin immediate negotiations for the vacant title.

On February 22, 2017, the WBA Championship Committee received bout contracts and the fight was schedule for June 03, 2017.

On May 14, 2017, During the pre-bout drug testing by WBA's Fair Boxing Program administered by the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association ("VADA"), Briggs's "A" sample tested positive for anabolic agents, beta-2 agonist, metabolic modulators, GHRP, hormones and related substances. The result of the analysis are as follows: Atypical Finding. Elevated screen T/E ratio of 7.89. The threshold T/E is 4.0

On multiple occasions thereafter. Briggs and his representative were made aware of said positive test and given the opportunity to have the second (B) sample tested pursuant to the WBA's rules and policies.

II. ANALYSIS

- A. Boxers and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all Association rules" WBA Rule C 14
- B. No boxer who has tested positive for a prohibited substance can be rated, retain a title, or be permitted to participate in a sanctioned bout for no less than six (6) months from the date of the positive test. WBA Rule C.45.

C. The WBA rules and medical guidelines adopt the prohibited substances list as identified by the International Olympic Committee ("IOC"), WBA Rule E.24. The IOC has adopted the prohibited list published by WADA.

IV. <u>DECISION</u>

- A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, which Briggs are presumed to know, the WBA has express authority and discretion to interpret and apply its rules and guidelines in the best interests of boxing and the WBA.
- B. Due to Briggs's positive test for a prohibited substance, he is suspended for six (6) months, which shall end on November 13, 2017.
 - C. Any interested party may request reconsideration of this decision per WBA Rule.

Date: July 19, 2017

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