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**PRESIDENT
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Resolution No. 202501231108 WBA Championships Committee *Welterweight Division January 23, 2025*

I. REQUEST

On January 22, 2025, TGB Promotions (“TGB”) on behalf of WBA Welterweight World Champion Eimantas Stanionis (“Stanionis”), and Matchroom Boxing (“Matchroom”) on behalf of IBF Welterweight World Champion Jaron Ennis (“Ennis”), requested that the WBA grant a special permit to sanction an April 12, 2025, bout between Stanionis and Ennis, in a WBA/IBF Unification.

The WBA provided notice of Stanionis request to Vadim Kornilov (“Kornilov”) representing mandatory contender Shakhram Giyazov (“Giyazov”) for comments. Giyazov and his team did not oppose to the request, as they approved the unification bout.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. Eimantas Stanionis holds 15-0-0 record nine (9) knockouts.
- B. On April 16, 2022, Stanionis won the WBA Welterweight title by split decision over Radzhab Butaev in Arlington, Texas, USA, and became the WBA Welterweight world champion.
- C. On May 04, 2024, Stanionis made a WBA voluntary title defense winning by unanimous decision in twelve (12) rounds against Gabriel Maestre.

III. ANALYSIS

- A. The WBA may modify the periods for mandatory defenses for good cause, either in response to a request for a Special Permit, or on its own initiative. WBA Rule C.16.

B. The WBA may modify or suspend the strict application of these rules when the WBA deems them justified in its sole discretion to accommodate special circumstances. WBA Rule C.46. Those reasons include to “engage in an optional title defense,” to “engage in a bout of recognized importance and significance for the boxing world,” or to “extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period.” WBA Rule C.46.a, e and g.

C. The WBA may grant Special Permit Requests and require conditions. “The Committee and the President in their sole discretion shall consider the best interests of boxing, the purposes and policies of the Association, and such other factors that may be relevant, and shall make their best effort to balance competing interests.” WBA Rule C.47.

D. Boxers and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Association rules,” including those “for Special Permits.” WBA Rule C.14.

IV. **DECISION**

A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, the WBA has express authority to modify applicable defense periods and otherwise suspend application of various rules under a special permit.

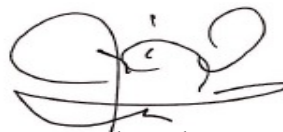
B. Stanionis’s Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject to his compliance with all other WBA rules, regulations, payment of all applicable fees and the following conditions:

C. The winner of Stanionis / Ennis, or Stanionis if a draw must face Giyazov as a mandatory defense within 120 days of said bout.

D. Giyazov is authorized to fight a non title bout.

E. All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of WBA championship rules by the committee.

Date: January 23, 2025

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Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee Chairman