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**RE: Denis Lebedev Special Permit Request  
WBA Cruiserweight Division**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Resolution No. 201604191608 dated April 19, 2016, regarding Denis Lebedev's Special Permit Request.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

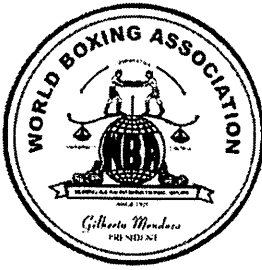
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# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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## **Resolution No. 201604191608** **WBA Championships Committee** *Cruiserweight Division* *April 19, 2016*

### **I. BACKGROUND**

On February 13, 2016, on behalf of WBA Cruiserweight Champion Denis Lebedev ("Lebedev"), World of Boxing Promotion Co. requested that the WBA grant a special permit to sanction a unification bout between Lebedev and Victor Ramirez ("Ramirez"), the IBF Cruiserweight Champion.

The WBA provided notice of Lebedev's request to potentially interested parties, including Beibut Shumenov ("Shumenov") and Yunier Dorticos, and their representatives. The WBA received no comments in opposition to the request.

On March 2, 2016, the WBA issued Resolution No. 201603021612 approving Lebedev's request subject to conditions.

On March 3, 2016, Shumenov timely requested reconsideration of said Resolution No. 201603021612 per WBA rule F.5 arguing that he is ready, able, and willing to fight, thus as the Interim Champion of the division, should face the winner of Lebedev/Ramirez. After notice was provided to interested parties to submit comments concerning Shumenov's request for reconsideration, for which Lebedev submitted limited opposition, the Championships Committee determined as follows:

### **II. 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," to "extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period," or to "unify an association title with that of another organization." WBA Rule C.46.a, d, e and g.

C. Pursuant to WBA Rule C.47, "Requests to engage in a title unification bout shall be given special consideration, and the committee and President may give greater weight to the reasons and arguments for such requests, in recognition of the interest of the boxing community to effectuate title unifications."

D. 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.

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

### **III. DECISION**

A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, Lebedev's Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject to compliance with all other WBA rules, regulations, payment of all applicable fees and the following conditions:

(i) The winner of Lebedev/Ramirez, shall be named Super Champion of the division with 3% sanction fees due on all future bouts;

(ii) The Super Champion, or Lebedev if a draw, must face Shumenov within one hundred twenty (120) days after the bout. In the meantime, Shumenov may make a voluntary defense of his title.

(iii) Dorticos and WBA ranked #5 Youri Kalenga shall fight for the regular championship of the division. The winner of said bout must face the winner of Lebedev/Ramirez/Shumenov as the mandatory defense within one hundred twenty (120) days.

Date: April 19, 2016



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George Martinez  
Championship Committee Chairman