

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

In the Matter of:)
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Joseph Piquet)
76067-004)
currently incarcerated at)
FDI Miami)
Federal Detention Center)
P.O. Box 019120)
Miami, FL 33101)
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and)
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1258 SW Maplewood Dr.)
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986)
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Respondent)

ORDER DENYING EXPORT PRIVILEGES

On May 14, 2009, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Joseph Piquet (“Piquet”) was found guilty of seven counts of violating the International Emergency Economics Powers Act, (50 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq. (2000)) (“IEEPA”), three counts of violating Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. § 2778 (2000)) (“AECA”), and two conspiracy counts (18 U.S.C. § 371 (2000)). Piquet was convicted based on his role in a conspiracy to purchase high-tech military and dual-use electronic components from a domestic corporation and to then ship the items from the United States to Hong Kong and the People’s Republic of China without first obtaining the required export licenses. Among the commodities involved in this conspiracy were high power amplifiers designed for use by the U.S. military in early warning radar and missile target acquisition systems, and low noise amplifiers that have both commercial and

military use. Piquet was sentenced to 60 months incarceration, two years supervised release, and a \$700 special assessment. Piquet is listed on the Department of State's Debarred List.

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 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 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 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.

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2010). The Regulations issued pursuant to the EAA, (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)). 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 13, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 41325, August 14, 2009), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq. (2000)).

I have received notice of Piquet's conviction for violating the IEEPA and AECA, and have provided notice and an opportunity for Piquet to make a written submission to BIS, as provided in Section 766.25 of the Regulations. I have not received a submission from Piquet. 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 Piquet's export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Piquet's conviction. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act or Regulations in which Piquet had an interest at the time of his conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED

I. Until May 14, 2019, Joseph Piquet, with a last known address at: 76067-004, FDI Miami, Federal Detention Center, P.O. Box 019120, Miami, FL 33101 and 1258 SW Maplewood Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, and when acting for or on behalf of Piquet, his representatives, assigns, agents or employees (collectively referred to hereinafter as 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, or in any other activity 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.

II. 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.

III. 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 the Denied Person by affiliation, ownership, control, or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order if necessary to prevent evasion of the Order.

IV. This Order does not prohibit any export, reexport, or other transaction subject to the Regulations where the only items involved that are subject to the Regulations are the foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

V. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until May 14, 2019.

VI. In accordance with Part 756 of the Regulations, Piquet 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

VII. A copy of this Order shall be delivered to Piquet. This Order shall be published in the Federal Register.



Bernard Kritzer
Director
Office of Exporter Services

Issued this 28th day of May, 2010.