

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security**

**In the Matter of: James Mwangangi Kiilu, Inmate Number: 31358–510, FCI Beaumont Low, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 26020, Beaumont, TX 77720; Order Denying Export Privileges**

On February 1, 2024, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, James Mwangangi Kiilu (“Kiilu”) was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 554 (Smuggling Goods from the United States). Specifically, Kiilu was convicted of fraudulently and knowingly attempting to export firearms from the United States to Mexico without the required authorization from the U.S. Department of Commerce. As a result of his conviction, the Court sentenced Kiilu to 52 months of imprisonment and three years of supervised release.

Pursuant to Section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act (“ECRA”),<sup>1</sup> the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, 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 Kiilu’s conviction for violating 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 Kiilu to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>2</sup> BIS has not received a written submission from Kiilu.

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 Kiilu’s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of ten (10) years from the date of Kiilu’s conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which

Kiilu had an interest at the time of his conviction.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, it is hereby *Ordered*: *First*, from the date of this Order until February 1, 2034, James Mwangangi Kiilu, with a last known address of Inmate Number: Inmate Number: 31358–510, FCI Beaumont Low, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 26020, Beaumont, TX 77720, 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;

<sup>3</sup> 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).

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 Kiilu 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, Kiilu 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 Kiilu and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

*Sixth*, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect February 1, 2034.

**Steven Fisher,**

*Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security**

**In the Matter of: Ghacham, Inc., 7340 Alondra Blvd., Paramount, California 90273; Order Denying Export Privileges**

On March 28, 2024, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Ghacham, Inc. (“Ghacham, Inc.”), was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 371. Specifically, beginning no later than July 2011 and continuing to at least February 2021, Ghacham, Inc.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR Parts 730–774 (2025).

conspired with others to knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to defraud the United States make out and pass false, forged and fraudulent invoices and other documents and papers through a United States customhouse.<sup>1</sup> As a result of Ghacham, Inc.'s conviction, the Court sentenced Ghacham, Inc. to five years of probation.

Pursuant to Section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act ("ECRA"),<sup>2</sup> the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 371, 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 Ghacham, Inc.'s conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. 371. As provided in Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR" or the "Regulations"), BIS provided notice and opportunity for Ghacham, Inc. to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>3</sup> BIS has received and considered a written submission from Ghacham, Inc.

Based upon my review of the record, including Ghacham, Inc.'s submission, and consultations with BIS's Office of Exporter Services, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Ghacham, Inc.'s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Ghacham, Inc.'s conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which Ghacham, Inc. had an interest at the time of its conviction.<sup>4</sup>

Accordingly, it is hereby *ordered*:

*First*, from the date of this Order until March 28, 2034, Ghacham, Inc., with a last known address of 7340 Alondra Blvd., Paramount, California 90273, and when acting for or on its behalf, its 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 Ghacham, Inc. 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, Ghacham, Inc. 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 Ghacham, Inc. and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

*Sixth*, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until March 28, 2034.

**Steven Fisher,**

*Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

**In the Matter of: Varun Maharajh a/k/a Kelvin Singh, Inmate Number: 92279-510, MCFP Springfield, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65801; Order Denying Export Privileges**

On September 4, 2024, in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Varun Maharajh, a/k/a Kelvin Singh ("Maharajh") was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 554 (Smuggling Goods from the United States).

Specifically, Maharajh was convicted of fraudulently and knowingly attempting to export and send firearms and ammunition from the United States to the United Kingdom and Trinidad and Tobago without required authorization. As a result of his convictions, the Court sentenced Maharajh to 84 months of imprisonment and three years of supervised release.

Pursuant to Section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act ("ECRA"),<sup>1</sup> the export privileges of any person who

<sup>1</sup> Ghacham, Inc. was also convicted of violating 21 U.S.C. 1904(c)(2), 1906(a)(1) (conspiracy to engage in transactions or dealing in properties of a specially designated narcotics trafficker).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2025).

<sup>4</sup> The Director, Office of Export Enforcement, is the authorizing official for issuance of denial orders pursuant to amendments to the Regulations (85 Fed. Reg. 73411, November 18, 2020).

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