

*Sixth*, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until August 18 2031.

**John Sonderman,**

*Director, Office of Export Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### **Order Denying Export Privileges; In the Matter of: Yi-Chi Shih, Currently Incarcerated at: Inmate Number: 75830–112, FCI Lompoc, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA 93436 and With an Address at: 3040 Beckman Road, Los Angeles, CA 90068**

On November 17, 2023, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California entered judgment against Yi-Chi Shih (“Shih”) for violating (among other statutes) 50 U.S.C. 1705 (“IEEPA”) and 18 U.S.C. 1001. Specifically, Shih was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuits (MMIC) from the United States to China without the required licenses. He was also found to have made false statements to federal agents.

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, 50 U.S.C. 1705 and 18 U.S.C. 1001, 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 Shih’s conviction for violating 50 U.S.C. 1705 and 18 U.S.C. 1001. As provided in section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR” or the “Regulations”), BIS provided notice and opportunity for Shih to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>2</sup> BIS has not received a written submission from Shih.

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 Shih’s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Shih’s conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which Shih 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 November 17, 2033, Yi-Chi Shih, with last known addresses of: currently incarcerated at: Inmate Number: 75830–112, FCI Lompoc, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA 93436, and with an address at: 3040 Beckman Road, Los Angeles, CA 90068, 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;

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

*Sixth*, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until November 17, 2033.

**John Sonderman,**

*Director, Office of Export Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### **Order; In the Matter of: Nicolas Ayala, 25 NE Fifth Street Apt 1720, Miami, FL 33132**

On September 6, 2023, I issued an Order<sup>1</sup> denying Nicholas Ayala

<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 (2024).

<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).

<sup>1</sup> 88 FR 62536 (Sept. 12, 2023).

(“Ayala”) all U.S. export privileges until November 16, 2032, pursuant to section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act (“ECRA”),<sup>2</sup> and section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations,<sup>3</sup> and based on a criminal conviction of violating 18 U.S.C. 371 and 18 U.S.C. 554.

Whereas, in the September 6, 2023 Order, Ayala’s first name was misspelled in the caption and the text of the Order. The correct spelling should be “Nicolas Ayala” instead of “Nicholas Ayala”;

Whereas, the September 6, 2023 Order identified Ayala’s address as “Inmate Number: 97331–509, FCI Edgefield, P.O. Box 725, Edgefield, SC 29824”;

Whereas, the Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“Department”), has confirmed that the address is no longer correct, and that Ayala’s current last known address is “25 NE Fifth Street Apt 1720, Miami, FL 33132”.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered:

First, the September 6, 2023 Order denying all U.S. export privileges to Ayala is amended by correcting the spelling of the Respondent’s name to Nicolas Ayala in the caption and text of the Order.

Second, the September 6, 2023 Order denying all U.S. export privileges to Ayala is amended by deleting the address “Inmate Number: 97331–509, FCI Edgefield, P.O. Box 725, Edgefield, SC 29824” and by adding the address “25 NE Fifth Street Apt 1720, Miami, FL 33132”. In all other aspects, the September 6, 2023 Order remains in full force and effect.

This Order, which is effective immediately, shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

**John Sonderman,**

Director, Office of Exporter Services.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Order Denying Export Privileges; In the Matter of: Rami Najm Ghanem, Inmate Number: 73420–112, MCFP Springfield, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65801

On October 31, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Rami Najm Ghanem (“Ghanem”) was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 371, 18 U.S.C. 554 and section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C 2778) (“AECA”). Specifically, Ghanem was convicted of having knowingly and willfully engaged in the business of weapons brokering activities without the required licenses, and of having engaged in negotiating and arranging contracts, purchases, sales, and transfers of defense articles, foreign defense articles, defense services, and foreign defense services, including for machine guns.

Pursuant to section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act (“ECRA”), the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 371, 18 U.S.C. 554 and section 38 of the AECA, may be denied for a period of up to ten (10) years from the date of his/her conviction. See 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 Ghanem’s convictions for violating 18 U.S.C. 371, 18 U.S.C. 554 and section 38 of the AECA. BIS provided notice and opportunity for Ghanem to make a written submission to BIS, as provided in section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR” or the “Regulations”). 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>2</sup> BIS has not received a written submission from Ghanem.

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

Ghanem 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 October 31, 2032, Rami Najm Ghanem, with a last known address of Inmate Number: 73420–112, MCFP Springfield, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65801, 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).

<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 (2024).

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