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VIA EMAIL: bobarum@toprank.com

Mr. Bob Arum
President
Top Rank, Inc.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Re: WBO, WBA & IBF Light Heavyweight Unification Championship Contest
Joe Smith, Jr. vs. Artur Beterbiev

Dear Mr. Arum:

Please be advised that the WBO World Championship Committee hereby grants sanction approval for the above-referenced bout between Joe Smith, Jr., and Artur Beterbiev, to be held at the Madison Square Garden Theater, New York, New York, United States of America on June 18, 2022. This bout is sanctioned subject to the winner facing within 180 days after the bout, the WBO Light Heavyweight Mandatory Challenger designated and selected by the WBO World Championship Committee.

Furthermore, sanction approval is hereby granted under the sole and exclusive responsibility of the promoter of the event concerning the compliance with all relevant Covid-19 protocols enforced by the New York State Athletic Commission (NYSAC) and all other laws, rules, and guidelines set forth by the relevant government authorities to ensure the participant's safety and well-being.

Lastly, the WBO World Championship Committee reserves its right to issue any further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including serving the best interests in boxing and those in the WBO Light Heavyweight Division.

Yours Truly,

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

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