



# WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION

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*Chairman*  
*Championship Committee*

October 4, 2024

## VIA EMAIL:

Mr. Egis Klimas  
Manager  
Team Alimkhanuly  
Los Angeles, California

**Re: Show Cause - WBO Middleweight Champion – Zhanibek Alimkhanuly**

Dear Mr. Klimas:

On October 3, 2024, the WBO World Championship Committee issued a ruling granting sanction approval of the WBO/IBF Unified Middleweight Championship Contest between Zhanibek Alimkhanuly and Andrei Milkhailevich scheduled for October 4, 2024, at “The Star,” Sydney, Pyrmont, New South Wales, Australia. The aforesaid bout was authorized under the terms and conditions contained in the October 3, 2024, ruling, which specifically referenced that the World Boxing Organization (WBO) may vacate the title of any Champion who conducts a contest in the champion’s weight division which is not a defense of the title. Moreover, the ruling advised Team Zhanibek that failure to comply with the conditions outlined in the ruling would trigger our intervention to consider declaring the WBO Middleweight Championship “Vacant”.<sup>1</sup>

On October 4, 2024, the Alimkhanuly/Milkhailevich was conducted but only the IBF Middleweight Championship was at stake having Alimkhanuly won via TKO in round 9. To wit, Zhanibek as WBO Middleweight Champion disregarded his obligation to defend his title in contravention to Section 15 of our governing rules and regulations as well as per the terms and conditions set forth in our ruling.

Therefore, Team Alimkhanuly is **HEREBY ORDERED** to “**SHOW CAUSE**” within the next 5 days upon notice of this letter as to why this Committee shall not declare the WBO Middleweight Championship “Vacant” due to failure to comply with terms and conditions established in the “**Resolution**” dated October 3, 2024. Non-performance with the foregoing will result in the Committee proceeding in accordance with our rules without further citation and/or hearing and having Team Alimkhanuly waive all rights hereunder.

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<sup>1</sup> See, Zhanibek Alimkhanuly Resolution <https://www.wboboxing.com/boxing-news/re-wbo-middleweight-champion-zhanibek-alimkhanuly/>





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Lastly, be advised that the WBO reserves its right to issue all further rulings deemed necessary, helpful, and convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies, and intent of the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests, including serving those interests that best serve the professional boxing and the WBO Middleweight Division.

Luis Batista Salas, Esq.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Batista Salas", written in a cursive style.

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