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**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**RESOLUTION N° 201808301208**

**BRIAN CARLOS CASTANO**  
**WBA SUPERWELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION**

**SPECIAL PERMIT REQUEST**

*On August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, WBA Super Welterweight Super Champion, Brian Carlos Castano requested a Special Permit to fight WBA N° 3 Contender Erislandy Lara, on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.*

**I. BACKGROUND.**

**Brian Carlos Castano - WBA Super Welterweight Regular Champion**

- 1. On November 26<sup>th</sup> 2016, Brian Carlos Castano won the WBA Super Welterweight Interim Championship by defeating Emanuel de Jesus.*
- 2. On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, Castano defended the Interim Championship vs. Michel Soro.*
- 3. On October 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017, Castano was elevated to Regular Champion.*
- 4. On March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, Castano defended the title by defeating Cedric Vitu.*

**Michel Soro WBA Super Welterweight Mandatory Contender**

- 1. On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, Michel Soro was defeated by Brian Carlos Castano for the WBA Interim Title.*
- 2. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Soro won by TKO 3<sup>rd</sup> against Ivan Montero in a Non-Title fight*
- 3. On March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 Soro won an Elimination fight for Mandatory Position against Brian Vera.*

**Erislandy Lara WBA Super Welterweight N° 3 Contender**

- 1. On June 8<sup>th</sup> 2013, Erislandy Lara won the WBA Interim Title by defeat*

2. *Alfredo Angulo.*
3. *On December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013, Lara defended the Interim Title against Austin Trout.*
4. *On July 12<sup>th</sup> 2014, Lara lost a non-title fight against Saul Alvarez.*
5. *On December 12<sup>th</sup> 2014, Lara defended the Regular Title against Ishe Smith.*
6. *On June 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, Lara defended the Regular Title against Delvin Rodriguez*
7. *On November 25<sup>th</sup> 2015, Lara defended the Title against Jan Zaveck.*
8. *On May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016, Lara defended the the Title against Vanes Martirosyan, after defeating Maritosyan, Lara was elevated to WBA Super Welterweight Super Champion.*
9. *On January 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, Lara defended the Super Championship against Yuri Foreman.*
10. *On October 14, 2017, Lara defended against Terrell Gausha.*
11. *On April 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, Lara fought lost an IBF Unification against Jarret Hurd by a close decision.*

## **II. ANALYSIS.**

### **A. *Pusuant Rule 46.- Special Permits. Special Permits.***

*Strict application of these rules may be suspended or modified when the Association deems them justified in its sole discretion to accommodate special circumstances, to unify championships or to establish a Super Championship. In such cases, the Association will consider a request for Special Permit (or Exception) for any reasons including, but not limited to, the following:*

*a. To engage in an optional title defense otherwise barred by a mandatory defense requirement, or to fight someone not the mandatory or leading available contender.*

## **RESPONSES REVIEWED.**

*Castano's Special Permit Application and supporting materials were sent to Sebastien Acaries representing Michel Soro for comments.*

*On August 24 2018, Mr. Tony Gonzalez sent a response to the Special Permit Application by Carlos Castano. The response with Comments was sent to Mr. Sebastian Contursi to respond. We received no response on the comments from Mr Gonzalez.*

**III. CONCLUSION.**

*Considering Erislandy Lara's record and achievements during his career as well as the successful career of Brian Carlos Castano, the Championship Committee Grants the Special Permit Request with the Condition that the winner of the bout, or Castano if the fight ends in a draw, must fight Michel Soro on or before 90 days (February 24, 2019)*

September 25. 2018.



George Martinez  
WBA Championship Committee Chairman