

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**Attorney General of the United States of
America,**

Plaintiff,

v.

Federación de Alcades Pedaneo,

Defendant.

Case No. 5:23-cv-1575-JMG

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

The Court has considered the motion for default judgment filed by plaintiff Attorney General of the United States of America (ECF No. 8), as well as any opposition and reply.

The Court concludes that it has subject-matter jurisdiction over this case and personal jurisdiction over defendant Federación de Alcades Pedaneo (FDAP). The Court also finds that FDAP was properly served, and that the complaint asserts legitimate claims against FDAP under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA).

The Court further concludes that default judgment is appropriate. The Court finds that, absent default judgment, the government would be prejudiced. The Court also finds that FDAP appears to have no litigable defenses. Finally, the Court finds that FDAP's failure to defend after being served constitutes willful conduct.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for default judgment (ECF No. 8) is **GRANTED;**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **final judgment is entered** by default in favor of plaintiff Attorney General of the United States of America and against defendant FDAP, on the following terms:

I. Judicial Declaration:

The Court issues the following judicial declaration of rights and responsibilities as between plaintiff Attorney General of the United States of America and defendant FDAP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201:

- A. Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 618(f), FDAP may not act as an agent under FARA until it has fulfilled its statutory and regulatory obligations described herein.
- B. FDAP has an obligation to:
 - 1. File supplemental statements for six-month reporting periods ending November 30, 2020, May 31, 2021, November 30, 2021, May 31, 2022, and November 30, 2022, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 612(a);
 - 2. Pay delinquent registration fees for the supplemental statements described in paragraph I.B.1 in the amount of \$2,440.00, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(2);
 - 3. File any “charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws, and amendments thereto,” as required by 22 U.S.C. § 612(a)(2) and 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(c)(1); and
 - 4. File an amendment including a “statement of the ownership and control of” foreign principal Ms. Altagracia del Pilar Mendez and Associates, as required by 22 U.S.C. § 612(a)(3).

II. Permanent Injunction

The Court issues the following permanent injunction against defendant FDAP:

- A. FDAP is permanently enjoined pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 618(f) from acting as an agent under FARA until it has fulfilled its statutory and regulatory obligations described herein.
- B. FDAP is ordered to:

1. Submit true and complete supplemental statements for six-month reporting periods ending November 30, 2020, May 31, 2021, November 30, 2021, May 31, 2022, and November 30, 2022, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 612(a);
2. Pay delinquent registration fees for the supplemental statements described in paragraph II.B.1 in the amount of \$2,440.00, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(2);
3. File any “charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws, and amendments thereto,” as required by 22 U.S.C. § 612(a)(2) and 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(c)(1); and
4. File an amendment including a “statement of the ownership and control of” foreign principal Ms. Altagracia del Pilar Mendez and Associates, as required by 22 U.S.C. § 612(a)(3).

III. Other Provisions

This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this case for the purpose of enforcing this judgment and permanent injunction.

It is so ordered.

Dated: October 6, 2023

/s/ John M. Gallagher
John M. Gallagher
United States District Court Judge