

Judge accepts proceeding under OFAC's modified licenses

United States v. Maduro Moros et al. · S.D.N.Y. No. 1:11-cr-00205

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein · Docket entry #307 · Filed 2026-04-27 · Filed by: Court

What happened

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein issued an order accepting that the case against Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores proceed under OFAC's modified licenses (OFAC is the U.S. Treasury office that administers sanctions), as described in the parties' joint letter of April 24, 2026. The judge added that he likely will accept a joint request for an adjournment and exclusion of time if it is clearly made and signed by both defendants or their counsel and the length of the delay is sufficiently justified.

What it means

In a case involving sanctioned people, OFAC licenses govern matters such as paying for the defense. With this order the judge treats that issue as settled for now. "Excluding time" means the period does not count toward the deadline the Speedy Trial Act sets for starting trial; the judge wants both defendants to agree expressly and a reason for the delay.

What happens next

The order sets no new date; the parties are expected to file their joint adjournment request.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"The Court accepts proceeding under OFAC's modified licenses as described in the parties joint April 24, 2026 letter"

Page 1 — The judge approves how the sanctions licenses will apply to the case.

"if clearly made and signed by both Defendants or their counsel, and sufficient justification is given for the quantum of delay requested."

Page 1 — These are the judge's conditions for granting a delay.

Docket text (official, in English)

ORDER REGULATING PROCEEDINGS as to Nicolas Maduro Moros, Cilia Adela Flores De Maduro. The Court accepts proceeding under OFAC's modified licenses as described in the parties joint April 24, 2026 letter, and likely will accept the parties' joint requests for an adjournment and exclusion of time if clearly made and signed by both Defendants or their counsel, and sufficient justification is given for the quantum of delay requested. (Signed by Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein on 4/27/2026) (ap) (Entered: 04/27/2026)

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