

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE M/Y AMADEA, A MOTOR YACHT
BEARING INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
ORGANIZATION NO. 1012531,

Defendant.

23-CV-9304 (DEH)

ORDER

DALE E. HO, United States District Judge:

A conference was held on July 26, 2024. For the reasons discussed at the conference, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Government's request to maintain the declaration filed regarding the location of Claimant Khudainatov's deposition is **GRANTED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that Claimants' motion for an order allowing a remote deposition is **DENIED**, without prejudice to renewal. The Government shall produce a draft safe passage letter to Claimants regarding Claimant Khudainatov's deposition in the United States by **July 31, 2024**. The parties shall meet and confer regarding the location of Khudainatov's deposition and shall file a joint status letter by **August 7, 2024**, stating either that they were able to reach agreement or, if necessary, presenting their positions on how Khudainatov's deposition should be taken.

It is further **ORDERED** that Claimants' motion for an extension of fact discovery is **GRANTED IN PART**. The parties shall complete all discovery—expert and fact discovery—by **October 18, 2024**.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Government shall file a letter motion, not to exceed three pages, seeking leave to file a supplemental brief in support of its motion to strike

Claimants' claim by **July 29, 2024**. Claimants may file a letter in response, not to exceed three pages, by **August 1, 2024**.

It is further **ORDERED** that the parties shall file a joint letter by **August 2, 2024**, proposing a schedule regarding an evidentiary hearing to resolve any factual issues relevant to the Government's Motion to Strike, should the Court determine that such a hearing is necessary. The parties shall meet and confer regarding a joint proposal; to the extent the parties are unable to reach agreement, they may offer competing proposals. In proposing a schedule, the parties should be cognizant of the October 18, 2024, discovery deadline. The Court will not interpret the submission of a proposed schedule as a waiver of any arguments as to the propriety of such an evidentiary hearing.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close the motions at ECF Nos. 149, 152, and 155, and to maintain ECF No. 157 under seal.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 26, 2024
New York, New York



DALE E. HO
United States District Judge